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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Insecticidal proteins exhibiting toxic activity against Coleopteran and Lepidopteran pest species are disclosed, and include, but are not limited to, TIC3668, TIC3669, TIC3670, TIC4076, TIC4078, TIC4260, TIC4346, TIC4826, TIC4861, TIC4862, TIC4863, and TIC-3668-type proteins. DNA molecules and constructs are provided which contain a polynucleotide sequence encoding one or more of the disclosed TIC3668-type proteins. Transgenic plants, plant cells, seed, and plant parts resistant to Lepidopteran and Coleopteran infestation are provided which contain polynucleotide sequences encoding the insecticidal proteins of the present invention. Methods for detecting the presence of the polynucleotides or the proteins of the present invention in a biological sample, and methods of controlling Coleopteran and Lepidopteran species pests using any of the TIC3668-type insecticidal proteins are also provided.

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FIGURE 1

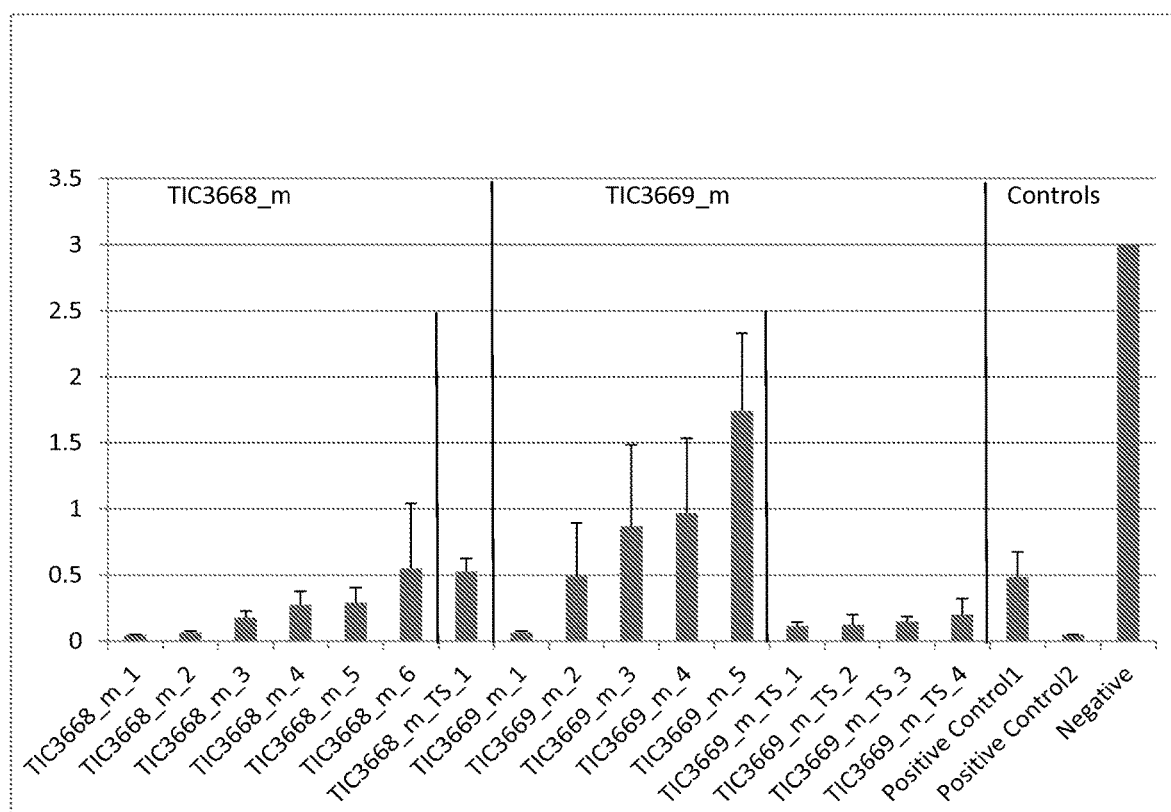


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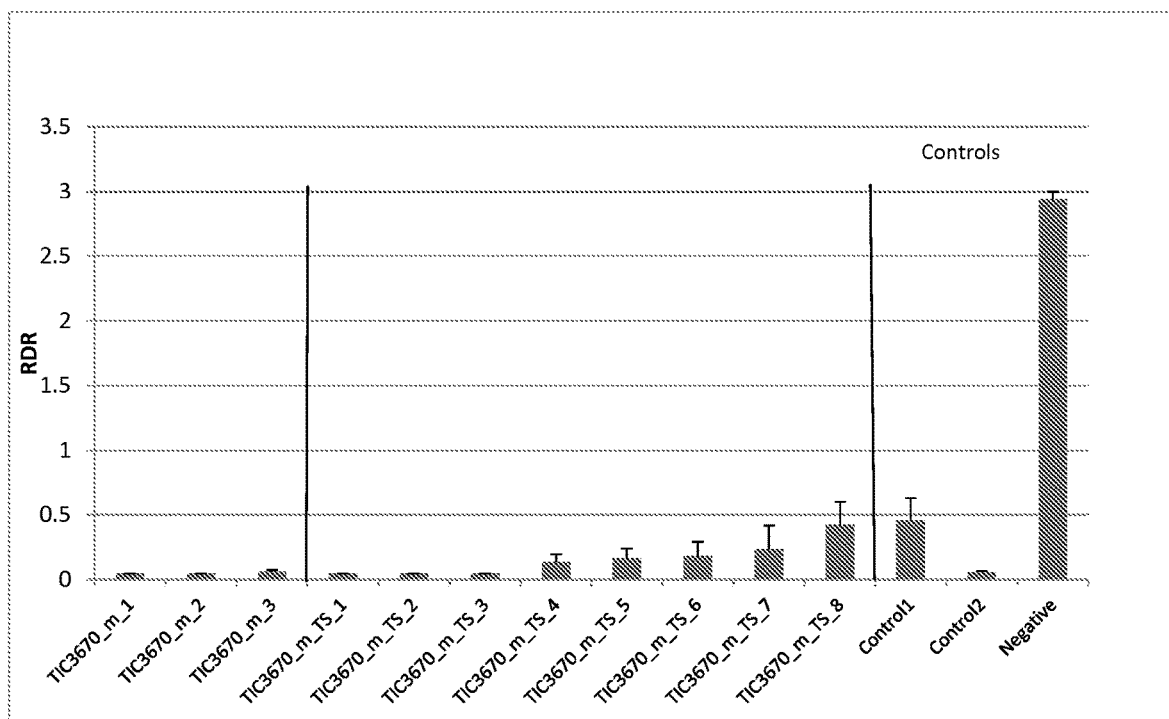


FIGURE 3

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INSECT INHIBITORY PROTEINS

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 14/945,140, filed Nov. 18, 2015, which application claims the benefit of priority to U.S. Provisional Application 62/082,504, filed Nov. 20, 2014, which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

INCORPORATION OF SEQUENCE LISTING

A computer readable form of the Sequence Listing is filed herewith by electronic submission. The Sequence Listing is incorporated by reference in its entirety, is contained in the file created on Nov. 13, 2015, having the file name "MONS387US ST25.txt" and which is 117,678 bytes in size (as measured in MS-Windows operating system).

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention generally relates to the field of insect inhibitory proteins. A novel class of proteins exhibiting insect inhibitory activity against agriculturally-relevant pests of crop plants and seeds is disclosed. In particular, the disclosed class of proteins is insecticidally active against agriculturally-relevant pests of crop plants and seeds, particularly Lepidopteran and Coleopteran species of insect pests. Plants, plant parts, and seeds containing a recombinant polynucleotide construct encoding one or more of the disclosed toxin proteins are provided.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Improving crop yield from agriculturally significant plants including, among others, corn, soybean, sugarcane, rice, wheat, vegetables, and cotton, has become increasingly important. In addition to the growing need for agricultural products to feed, clothe and provide energy for a growing human population, climate-related effects and pressure from the growing population to use land other than for agricultural practices are predicted to reduce the amount of arable land available for farming. These factors have led to grim forecasts of food security, particularly in the absence of major improvements in plant biotechnology and agronomic practices. In light of these pressures, environmentally sustainable improvements in technology, agricultural techniques, and pest management are vital tools to expand crop production on the limited amount of arable land available for farming.

Insects, particularly insects within the order Lepidoptera and Coleoptera, are considered a major cause of damage to field crops, thereby decreasing crop yields over infested areas. Lepidopteran pest species which negatively impact agriculture include, but are not limited to, *Helicoverpa zea*, *Ostrinia nubilalis*, *Diatraea saccharalis*, *Diatraea grandiosella*, *Anticarsia gemmatilis*, *Spodoptera frugiperda*, *Spodoptera exigua*, *Agrotis ipsilon*, *Trichoplusia ni*, *Chrysodeixis includens*, *Heliothis virescens*, *Plutella xylostella*, *Pectinophora gossypiella*, *Helicoverpa armigera*, *Elasmopalpus lignosellus*, *Striacosta albicosta* and *Phyllocnistis citrella*. Coleopteran pest species which negatively impact agriculture include, but are not limited to, *Agriotes* spp., *Anthonomus* spp., *Atomaria linearis*, *Chaetocnema tibialis*, *Cosmopolites* spp., *Curculio* spp., *Dermestes* spp., *Diabrotica* spp., *Epilachna* spp., *Eremnus* spp., *Leptinotarsa decemlineata*, *Lissorhoptrus* spp., *Melolontha* spp., *Oryctes*

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philus spp., *Otiorhynchus* spp., *Phlyctinus* spp., *Popillia* spp., *Psylliodes* spp., *Rhizopertha* spp., *Scarabeidae*, *Sitophilus* spp., *Sitotroga* spp., *Tenebrio* spp., *Tribolium* spp. and *Trogoderma* spp., particularly when the pest is *Diabrotica virgifera* (Western Corn Rootworm, WCR), *Diabrotica barberi* (Northern Corn Rootworm, NCR), *Diabrotica virgifera zea* (Mexican Corn Rootworm, MCR), *Diabrotica balteata* (Brazilian Corn Rootworm (BZR), *Diabrotica undecimpunctata howardii* (Southern Corn Rootworm, SCR) and a Brazilian Corn Rootworm complex (BCR) consisting of *Diabrotica viridula* and *Diabrotica speciosa*).

Historically, the intensive application of synthetic chemical insecticides was relied upon as the pest control agent in agriculture. Concerns for the environment and human health, in addition to emerging resistance issues, stimulated the research and development of biological pesticides. This research effort led to the progressive discovery and use of various entomopathogenic microbial species, including bacteria.

The biological control paradigm shifted when the potential of entomopathogenic bacteria, especially bacteria belonging to the genus *Bacillus*, was discovered and developed as a biological pest control agent. Strains of the bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) have been used as a source for proteins which exhibit pesticidal activity since it was discovered that Bt strains show a high toxicity against specific insects. The main feature of Bt's is the production of parasporal bodies which contain one or more crystals that contain specific insecticidal endotoxins (Cry proteins) which act upon ingestion by a susceptible insect through a pore-forming mechanism of action detrimental for the insect gut epithelium. Besides Bt, other *Bacillus* species, such as *Bacillus sphaericus*, and other bacteria species that contain genes that contribute to an entomopathogenic phenotype, such as *Brevibacillus laterosporus*, have shown potential for pest management.

Insecticidal toxin proteins have been employed in various agricultural applications to preserve agriculturally important plants and increase yields. Insecticidal toxin proteins are used to control agriculturally-relevant pests of crop plants by mechanical methods, such as spraying to disperse microbial formulations containing various bacteria strains onto plant surfaces, and by using genetic transformation techniques to produce transgenic plants and seeds expressing insecticidal toxin protein.

The use of transgenic plants expressing insecticidal toxin proteins has been globally adapted. For example, in 2012, 26.1 million hectares were planted with transgenic crops expressing Bt toxins (James, C., Global Status of Commercialized Biotech/GM Crops: 2012. ISAAA Brief No. 44). The expanded use of transgenic insect-protected crops and the limited number of commercially available insecticidal toxin proteins is creating a selection pressure for alleles that impart resistance to the currently-utilized insecticidal proteins. The development of resistance in target pests to insecticidal toxin proteins undermines the effectiveness and advantages of this technology. Such advantages include increased crop yields, reduction in chemical pesticide use, and reduction in the costs and labor associated with chemical pesticide use.

The discovery and development of new forms of insecticidal toxin proteins is central to managing the increase in insect resistance to transgenic crops expressing insecticidal toxin proteins. New protein toxins with improved efficacy and which exhibit control over a broader spectrum of susceptible insect species will reduce the number of surviv-

ing insects which can develop resistance alleles. In addition, two or more transgenic toxins toxic to the same insect pest and displaying different modes of action in one plant further reduces the probability of resistance in a target insect species.

Consequently, there is a critical need to discover and develop effective insecticidal proteins with improved insecticidal properties such as increased efficacy against a broader spectrum of target insect pest species and different modes of action compared to proteins known in the art. A novel protein toxin family from *Brevibacillus laterosporus* (*B. laterosporus*) is disclosed in this application along with similar toxin proteins, variant proteins, and exemplary recombinant proteins that exhibit insecticidal activity against significant target Lepidopteran and Coleopteran pest species, particularly against Western Corn Rootworm.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Disclosed herein is a novel group of insect inhibitory recombinant polynucleotide molecules and polypeptides (toxin proteins) encoded thereby, referred to herein as TIC3668-type proteins, which are shown to exhibit inhibitory activity against one or more pests of crop plants. Each of the proteins can be used alone or in combination with

each other and with other insecticidal proteins and toxic agents in formulations and in planta, thus providing alternatives to insecticidal proteins and insecticide chemistries currently in use in agricultural systems.

In one aspect, the invention provides a recombinant polynucleotide molecule encoding an insect inhibitory polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, and SEQ ID NO:31. In one embodiment, the recombinant polynucleotide molecule encodes an insect inhibitory polypeptide comprising at least 35% identity, for instance, at least 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 75%, 76%, 77%, 78%, 79%, 80%, 81%, 82%, 83%, 84%, 85%, 86%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, and SEQ ID NO:31. In another embodiment, the recombinant polynucleotide molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:49, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, and SEQ ID NO:72. In still another embodiment the recombinant polynucleotide molecule comprises at least 35% identity, for instance, at least 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 75%, 76%, 77%, 78%, 79%, 80%, 81%, 82%, 83%, 84%, 85%, 86%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identity to a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:49, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, and SEQ ID NO:72. In a further embodiment, the recombinant polynucleotide molecule comprise a sequence that hybridizes to: (i) the reverse complement of the nucleotide sequence from position 4-885 of a sequence

selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:49, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, and SEQ ID NO:72; or (ii) the reverse complement a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:56, SEQ ID NO:57, SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, and SEQ ID NO:61. In another embodiment, the hybridization conditions are stringent conditions, for instance, such stringent conditions may comprise hybridization from 4 to 12 hours in 50% formamide, 1 M NaCl, and 1% SDS at 37C, and a wash in 0.1 X SSC at 60 C-65 C. In further embodiment, the recombinant polynucleotide molecule is operably linked to a heterologous promoter.

In another aspect, the invention provides an insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide encoded by the recombinant polynucleotide molecule provided herein. In one embodiment, the insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, and SEQ ID NO:31. In another embodiment, the insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide comprises at least 35% identity, for instance, at least 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 75%, 76%, 77%, 78%, 79%, 80%, 81%, 82%, 83%, 84%, 85%, 86%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, and SEQ ID NO:31.

In a further embodiment, the insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide exhibits inhibitory activity against an insect species of the order Coleoptera, for instance including Western Corn Rootworm, Southern Corn Rootworm, Northern Corn Rootworm, Mexican Corn Rootworm, Brazilian Corn Rootworm, or Brazilian Corn Rootworm complex consisting of *Diabrotica viridula* and *Diabrotica speciosa*. In yet a further embodiment, the insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide exhibits inhibitory activity against an insect species of the order Lepidoptera, for instance including European Corn Borer, Southwestern Corn Borer, Black Cutworm, Fall Army Worm, Corn Earworm, and Soybean Looper.

In yet another aspect, the invention provides a host cell comprising a recombinant polynucleotide molecule of the invention, wherein the host cell is selected from the group consisting of a bacterial host cell and a plant host cell. In certain embodiments, bacterial host cells include *Agrobacterium*, *Rhizobium*, *Bacillus thuringiensis*, *Brevibacillus laterosporus*, *Bacillus cereus*, *E. coli*, *Pseudomonas*, *Klebsiella*, and *Erwinia*. In other embodiments, plant cells include an alfalfa, banana, barley, bean, broccoli, cabbage, brassica, carrot, cassava, castor, cauliflower, celery, chickpea, Chinese cabbage, citrus, coconut, coffee, corn, clover, cotton, a cucurbit, cucumber, Douglas fir, eggplant, eucalyptus, flax, garlic, grape, hops, leek, lettuce, Loblolly pine, millets, melons, nut, oat, olive, onion, ornamental, palm, pasture grass, pea, peanut, pepper, persimmon, pigeon pea, pine, pomegranate, poplar, potato, pumpkin, Radiata pine, radish, rapeseed, rice, rootstocks, rye, safflower, shrub, sorghum, Southern pine, soybean, spinach, squash, strawberry, sugar beet, sugarcane, sunflower, sweet corn, sweet

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gum, sweet potato, switchgrass, tea, tobacco, tomato, triticale, turf grass, watermelon, and wheat plant cell.

In a further aspect, the invention provides an insect inhibitory composition which may comprise a recombinant polynucleotide molecule of the present invention. In one embodiment, the insect inhibitory composition may further comprise a nucleotide sequence encoding at least one other pesticidal agent. In certain embodiments, the at least one other pesticidal agent is different from the TIC3668-type insect inhibitory polypeptide of the invention and may be selected from the group consisting of an insect inhibitory protein, an insect inhibitory dsRNA molecule, and an ancillary protein. In other embodiments, the other pesticidal agent exhibits activity against one or more pest species of the orders Lepidoptera, Coleoptera, or Hemiptera. In certain embodiments, the other pesticidal agent is selected from the group consisting of a Cry1A, Cry1Ab, Cry1Ac, Cry1A.105, Cry1B, Cry1C, Cry1D, Cry1E, Cry1F, Cry1G, Cry1H, Cry1I, Cry1J, Cry1K, Cry1L, Cry2A, Cry2Ab, Cry3A, Cry3B, Cry4B, Cry6, Cry7, Cry8, Cry9, Cry15, Cry34, Cry35, Cry43A, Cry43B, Cry51Aa1, ET29, ET33, ET34, ET35, ET66, ET70, TIC400, TIC407, TIC417, TIC431, TIC800, TIC807, TIC834, TIC853, TIC900, TIC901, TIC1201, TIC1415, VIP3A, and VIP3B protein. In yet a further aspect, the present invention provides an insect inhibitory composition comprising an insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide of the present invention, such as a TIC3668-type insect inhibitory polypeptide, in an insect inhibitory effective amount.

In still another aspect, the invention provides a method of controlling a Coleopteran or Lepidopteran species pest, and controlling a Coleopteran or Lepidopteran species pest infestation of a plant, for instance a crop plant, wherein the method comprises contacting the pest with an insect inhibitory amount of the insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide of the invention, such as a TIC3668-type insect inhibitory polypeptide.

In a still further aspect, the invention provides a seed comprising a recombinant polynucleotide molecule or insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide, such as a TIC3668-type insect inhibitory polypeptide, of the invention.

In another aspect, the invention provides a commodity product comprising a detectable amount of the recombinant polynucleotide molecule, or the insect inhibitory polypeptide, such as a TIC3668-type insect inhibitory polypeptide, of the invention. In a further aspect, a commodity product of the invention may comprise a host cell comprising a recombinant polynucleotide molecule of the invention, wherein the commodity product comprises a detectable amount of the recombinant polynucleotide molecule or an insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide encoded by the recombinant polynucleotide. In certain embodiments, the commodity products may include commodity corn bagged by a grain handler, corn flakes, corn cakes, corn flour, corn meal, corn syrup, corn oil, corn silage, corn starch, corn cereal, and the like, and corresponding soybean, rice, wheat, sorghum, pigeon pea, peanut, fruit, melon, and vegetable commodity products including where applicable, juices, concentrates, jams, jellies, marmalades, and other edible forms of such commodity products containing a detectable amount of such polynucleotides and or polypeptides of this application.

In a yet another aspect, the invention provides a method of producing seed comprising the recombinant polynucleotide of the invention, wherein the method comprises: (a) planting at least one seed comprising the recombinant polynucleotide molecule; (b) growing plants from the seed; and

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(c) harvesting seed from the plants, wherein the harvested seed comprises the recombinant polynucleotide molecule.

In a further aspect, the invention provides a recombinant vector comprising the recombinant polynucleotide molecule of the invention. In one embodiment, the recombinant vector is selected from the group consisting of a plasmid, a bacmid, a phagemid, and a cosmid.

In another aspect, the invention provides a plant resistant to insect infestation, wherein the cells of said plant comprise the recombinant polynucleotide molecule or the insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide of the invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 illustrates the alignment of the collagen protein TIC4260 to five exemplary TIC3668-type proteins. Positions of sequence diversity are highlighted in gray shading in this sequence alignment.

FIG. 2 illustrates in planta Western Corn Rootworm (WCR) inhibitory activity of exemplary chloroplast targeted and non-targeted mature length TIC3668-type proteins.

FIG. 3 illustrates in planta WCR inhibitory activity of an exemplary chloroplast targeted and non-targeted mature length TIC-3668-type protein.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEQUENCES

SEQ ID NO:1 is a recombinant polynucleotide sequence obtained from a *Brevibacillus laterosporus* species encoding a TIC3668 protein from an open reading frame at nucleotide position 1-951 and a translation termination codon.

SEQ ID NO:2 is the amino acid sequence translation of the TIC3668 precursor protein from the open reading frame as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.

SEQ ID NO:3 is a recombinant polynucleotide sequence obtained from a *Brevibacillus laterosporus* species encoding a TIC3669 protein from an open reading frame at nucleotide position 1-951 and a translation termination codon.

SEQ ID NO:4 is the amino acid sequence translation of the TIC3669 protein from the open reading frame as set forth in SEQ ID NO:3.

SEQ ID NO:5 is a recombinant polynucleotide sequence obtained from a *Brevibacillus laterosporus* species encoding a TIC3670 protein from an open reading frame at nucleotide position 1-951 and a translation termination codon.

SEQ ID NO:6 is the amino acid sequence translation of the TIC3670 precursor protein from the open reading frame as set forth in SEQ ID NO:5.

SEQ ID NO:7 is a recombinant polynucleotide sequence obtained from a *Brevibacillus laterosporus* species encoding a TIC4076 protein from an open reading frame at nucleotide position 1-951 and a translation termination codon.

SEQ ID NO:8 is the amino acid sequence translation of the TIC4076 precursor protein from the open reading frame as set forth in SEQ ID NO:7.

SEQ ID NO:9 is a recombinant polynucleotide sequence obtained from a *Brevibacillus laterosporus* species encoding a TIC4078 protein from an open reading frame at nucleotide position 1-951 and a translation termination codon.

SEQ ID NO:10 is the amino acid sequence translation of the TIC4078 precursor protein from the open reading frame as set forth in SEQ ID NO:9.

SEQ ID NO:11 is a recombinant polynucleotide sequence obtained from a *Brevibacillus laterosporus* species encoding a collagen TIC4260 protein from an open reading frame at nucleotide position 1-951 and a translation termination codon, created by combining DNA segments from each of

coding sequences set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:7 and SEQ ID NO:9 in-frame to include the sequence variations from these five different open reading frames.

SEQ ID NO:12 is the amino acid sequence translation of the collagen protein TIC4260 precursor protein from the open reading frame as set forth in SEQ ID NO:11.

SEQ ID NO:13 is a recombinant polynucleotide sequence obtained from a *Brevibacillus laterosporus* species encoding a TIC4346 protein from an open reading frame at nucleotide position 1-951 and a translation termination codon.

SEQ ID NO:14 is the amino acid sequence translation of the open reading frame as set forth in SEQ ID NO:13.

SEQ ID NO:15 is a recombinant polynucleotide sequence obtained from a *Brevibacillus laterosporus* species encoding a TIC4826 protein from an open reading frame at nucleotide position 1-951 and a translation termination codon.

SEQ ID NO:16 is the amino acid sequence translation of the open reading frame as set forth in SEQ ID NO:15.

SEQ ID NO:17 is a recombinant polynucleotide sequence obtained from a *Brevibacillus laterosporus* species encoding a TIC4861 protein from an open reading frame at nucleotide position 1-918 and a translation termination codon.

SEQ ID NO:18 is the amino acid sequence translation of the open reading frame as set forth in SEQ ID NO:17.

SEQ ID NO:19 is a recombinant polynucleotide sequence obtained from a *Brevibacillus laterosporus* species encoding a TIC4862 protein from an open reading frame at nucleotide position 1-945 and a translation termination codon.

SEQ ID NO:20 is the amino acid sequence translation of the open reading frame as set forth in SEQ ID NO:19.

SEQ ID NO:21 is a recombinant polynucleotide sequence obtained from a *Brevibacillus laterosporus* species encoding a TIC4863 protein from an open reading frame at nucleotide position 1-951 and a translation termination codon.

SEQ ID NO:22 is the amino acid sequence translation of the open reading frame as set forth in SEQ ID NO:21.

SEQ ID NO:23 is an amino acid sequence of a mature TIC3668 protein, mTIC3668.

SEQ ID NO:24 is an amino acid sequence of a mature TIC3669 protein, mTIC3669.

SEQ ID NO:25 is an amino acid sequence of a mature TIC3670 protein, mTIC3670.

SEQ ID NO:26 is an amino acid sequence of a mature TIC4076 protein, mTIC4076.

SEQ ID NO:27 is an amino acid sequence of a mature TIC4078 protein, mTIC4078.

SEQ ID NO:28 is an amino acid sequence of a mature TIC4260 protein, mTIC4260.

SEQ ID NO:29 is an amino acid sequence of a mature TIC4346 protein, mTIC4346.

SEQ ID NO:30 is an amino acid sequence of a mature TIC4826 protein, mTIC4826.

SEQ ID NO:31 is an amino acid sequence of a mature TIC4861 protein, mTIC4891.

SEQ ID NO:32 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a TIC3668 protein designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:33 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC3668 protein, mTIC3668 designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:34 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a TIC3669 protein designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:35 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC3669 protein, mTIC3669 designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:36 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a TIC3670 protein designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:37 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC3670 protein, mTIC3670 designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:38 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a TIC4076 protein designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:39 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC4076 protein, mTIC4076 designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:40 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a TIC4078 protein designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:41 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC4078 protein, mTIC4078 designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:42 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a TIC4260 protein designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:43 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC4260 protein, mTIC4260 designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:44 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a TIC4346 protein designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:45 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC4346 protein, mTIC4346 designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:46 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a TIC4826 protein designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:47 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC4826 protein, mTIC4826 designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:48 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a TIC4861 protein designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:49 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC4861 protein (mTIC4861), a mature TIC4862 protein (mTIC4862), and a mature TIC4863 protein (mTIC4863) designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:50 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a TIC4682 protein designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:51 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a TIC4863 protein designed for expression in plants.

SEQ ID NO:52 is a nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (−) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 1 to 36 of SEQ ID NO:1 (TIC3668 forward primer).

SEQ ID NO:53 is a nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (+) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 920 to 954 of SEQ ID NO:1 (TIC3668 reverse primer).

SEQ ID NO:54 is a nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (−) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 1 to 41 of SEQ ID NO:3 (TIC3669 forward primer).

SEQ ID NO:55 is a nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (+) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 920 to 954 of SEQ ID NO:3 (TIC3669 reverse primer).

SEQ ID NO:56 is a nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (−) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 1 to 36 of SEQ ID NO:5 (TIC3670 forward primer).

SEQ ID NO:57 is a nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (+) strand of

a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 920 to 954 of SEQ ID NO:5 (TIC3670 reverse primer).

SEQ ID NO:58 is a nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (−) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 1 to 41 of SEQ ID NO:7 (TIC4076 forward primer).

SEQ ID NO:59 is a nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (+) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 920 to 954 of SEQ ID NO:7 (TIC4076 reverse primer).

SEQ ID NO:60 is a nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (−) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 1 to 36 of SEQ ID NO:9 (TIC4078 forward primer).

SEQ ID NO:61 is a nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (+) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 920 to 954 of SEQ ID NO:9 (TIC4078 reverse primer).

SEQ ID NO:62 is a recombinant polynucleotide sequence obtained from a *Brevibacillus laterosporus* species encoding a TIC2462 protein from an open reading frame at nucleotide position 1-951 and a translation termination codon.

SEQ ID NO:63 is the amino acid sequence translation of the open reading frame as set forth in SEQ ID NO:62.

SEQ ID NO:64 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC3668 protein, mTIC3668 for expression in bacteria.

SEQ ID NO:65 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC3669 protein, mTIC3669 for expression in bacteria.

SEQ ID NO:66 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC3670 protein, mTIC3670 for expression in bacteria.

SEQ ID NO:67 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC4076 protein, mTIC4076 for expression in bacteria.

SEQ ID NO:68 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC4078 protein, mTIC4078 for expression in bacteria.

SEQ ID NO:69 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC4260 protein, mTIC4260 for expression in bacteria.

SEQ ID NO:70 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC4346 protein, mTIC4346 for expression in bacteria.

SEQ ID NO:71 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC4826 protein, mTIC4826 for expression in bacteria.

SEQ ID NO:72 is a synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC4861 (mTIC4861), TIC4862 (mTIC4862), and TIC4863 (mTIC4863) protein for expression in bacteria.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The problem in the art of agricultural pest control can be characterized as a need for new toxin proteins that are efficacious against target pests, exhibit broad spectrum toxicity against target pest species, are capable of being expressed in plants without causing undesirable agronomic issues, and provide an alternative mode of action compared to current toxins that are used commercially in plants. Novel

insecticidal proteins exemplified by TIC3668 are disclosed herein, and address each of these needs, particularly against a broad spectrum of Coleopteran and Lepidopteran insect pests, and more particularly against corn rootworm pest species.

Reference in this application to “TIC3668”, “TIC3668 protein”, “TIC3668 protein toxins”, “TIC3668 toxin proteins”, “TIC3668-related toxins”, “TIC3668-related protein toxin class or family”, “TIC3668-related toxin proteins”, “TIC3668-type proteins”, “TIC3668-like proteins”, “TIC3668-related toxin polypeptides”, “TIC3668-related pesticidal proteins”, or “TIC3668-type insect inhibitory polypeptide” and the like, refer to any novel insect inhibitory protein that comprises, that consists of, that is substantially homologous to, that is similar to, or that is derived from any insect inhibitory polypeptide sequence of TIC3668 (SEQ ID NO:2) and insect inhibitory segments thereof, or combinations thereof, that confer activity against Coleopteran pests and Lepidopteran pests, including any protein exhibiting insect inhibitory activity if alignment of such protein with TIC3668 (SEQ ID NO:2), TIC3669 (SEQ ID NO:4), TIC3670 (SEQ ID NO:6), TIC4076 (SEQ ID NO:8), TIC4078 (SEQ ID NO:10), TIC4346 (SEQ ID NO:14), TIC4826 (SEQ ID NO:16), TIC4861 (SEQ ID NO:18), TIC4862 (SEQ ID NO:20), and TIC4863 (SEQ ID NO:22), results in amino acid sequence identity of any fraction percentage from about 35% to about 100% percent. The TIC3668-type protein toxins disclosed in this application include TIC3668, TIC3669, TIC3670, TIC4076, TIC4078, TIC4346, TIC4826, TIC4861, TIC4862, TIC4863, and the collagen TIC4260 protein (SEQ ID NO:12). The TIC3668-type protein class is intended to include the precursor forms as well as the mature length forms of the proteins.

The term “segment” or “fragment” is used in this application to describe consecutive amino acid or nucleic acid sequences that are shorter than the complete amino acid or nucleic acid sequence describing a TIC3668-type protein. A segment or fragment exhibiting insect inhibitory activity is also disclosed in this application if alignment of such segment or fragment, with the corresponding section of the TIC3668-type protein set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, results in amino acid sequence identity of any fraction percentage from about 35 to about 100 percent between the segment or fragment and the corresponding section of the TIC3668-type protein.

Reference in this application to the terms “active” or “activity”, “pesticidal activity” or “insecticidal activity”, “insect inhibitory” or “insecticidal” refer to efficacy of a toxic agent, such as a protein toxin, in inhibiting (inhibiting growth, feeding, fecundity, or viability), suppressing (suppressing growth, feeding, fecundity, or viability), controlling (controlling the pest infestation, controlling the pest feeding activities on a particular crop containing an effective amount of the TIC3668-type protein) or killing (causing the morbidity, mortality, or reduced fecundity of) a pest. These terms are intended to include the result of providing a pesticidally effective amount of a toxic protein to a pest where the exposure of the pest to the toxic protein results in morbidity, mortality, reduced fecundity, or stunting. These terms also include repulsion of the pest from the plant, a tissue of the plant, a plant part, seed, plant cells, or from the particular geographic location where the plant may be growing, as a result of providing a pesticidally effective amount of the toxic protein in or on the plant. In general, pesticidal activity refers to the ability of a toxic protein to be effective in inhibiting the growth, development, viability, feeding behavior, mating behavior, fecundity, or any measurable

decrease in the adverse effects caused by an insect feeding on this protein, protein fragment, protein segment or polynucleotide of a particular target pest, including but not limited to insects of the order Lepidoptera or Coleoptera. The toxic protein can be produced by the plant or can be applied to the plant or to the environment within the location where the plant is located. The terms “bioactivity”, “effective”, “efficacious” or variations thereof are also terms interchangeably utilized in this application to describe the effects of proteins of the present invention on target insect pests.

A pesticidally effective amount of a toxic agent, when provided in the diet of a target pest, exhibits pesticidal activity when the toxic agent contacts the pest. A toxic agent can be a pesticidal protein or one or more chemical agents known in the art. Insecticidal chemical agents and insecticidal protein agents can be used alone or in combinations with each other. Chemical agents include but are not limited to dsRNA molecules targeting specific genes for suppression in a target pest, organochlorides, organophosphates, carbamates, pyrethroids, neonicotinoids, and ryanoids. Insecticidal protein agents include the protein toxins set forth in this application, as well as other proteinaceous toxic agents including those that target Lepidopteran and Coleopteran, as well as protein toxins that are used to control other plant pests such as Cry proteins available in the art for use in controlling Hemipteran and Homopteran species.

It is intended that reference to a pest, particularly a pest of a crop plant, means insect pests of crop plants, particularly those that are controlled by the TIC3668-related protein toxin class. However, reference to a pest can also include Hemipteran and Homopteran insect pests of plants, as well as nematodes and fungi when toxic agents targeting these pests are co-localized or present together with one or more proteins of the TIC3668-related protein toxin class.

The individual proteins which comprise the TIC3668-related protein class are related by common function and exhibit insecticidal activity towards insect pests from the Coleoptera and Lepidoptera insect species, including adults, pupae, larvae, and neonates. The insects of the order Lepidoptera include, but are not limited to, armyworms, cutworms, loopers, and heliothines in the Family Noctuidae, e.g., fall armyworm (*Spodoptera frugiperda*), beet armyworm (*Spodoptera exigua*), bertha armyworm (*Mamestra configurata*), black cutworm (*Agrotis ipsilon*), cabbage looper (*Trichoplusia ni*), soybean looper (*Pseudoplusia includens*), velvetbean caterpillar (*Anticarsia gemmatilis*), green cloverworm (*Hypena scabra*), tobacco budworm (*Heliothis virescens*), granulate cutworm (*Agrotis subterranea*), armyworm (*Pseudaleia unipuncta*), western cutworm (*Agrotis orthogonia*); borers, casebearers, webworms, cone-worms, cabbageworms and skeletonizers from the Family Pyralidae, e.g., European corn borer (*Ostrinia nubilalis*), navel orangeworm (*Amyelois transitella*), corn root webworm (*Crambus caliginosellus*), sod webworm (*Herpetogramma licarsisalis*), sunflower moth (*Homoeosoma electellum*), lesser cornstalk borer (*Elasmopalpus lignosellus*); leafrollers, budworms, seed worms, and fruit worms in the Family Tortricidae, e.g., codling moth (*Cydia pomonella*), grape berry moth (*Endopiza viteana*), oriental fruit moth (*Grapholitha molesta*), sunflower bud moth (*Suleima hellan-thana*); and many other economically important Lepidoptera, e.g., diamondback moth (*Plutella xylostella*), pink bollworm (*Pectinophora gossypiella*) and gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar*). Other insect pests of order Lepidoptera include, e.g., Alabama argillacea (cotton leaf worm), *Archips argyrospila* (fruit tree leaf roller), *Archips rosana*

(European leafroller) and other *Archips* species, *Chilo suppressalis* (Asiatic rice borer, or rice stem borer), *Cnaphalocrocis medinalis* (rice leaf roller), *Crambus caliginosellus* (corn root webworm), *Crambus teterrellus* (bluegrass webworm), *Diatraea grandiosella* (southwestern corn borer), *Diatraea saccharalis* (surgarcane borer), *Earias insulana* (spiny bollworm), *Earias vittella* (spotted bollworm), *Helicoverpa armigera* (American bollworm), *Helicoverpa zea* (corn earworm or cotton bollworm), *Heliothis virescens* (tobacco budworm), *Herpetogramma licarsisalis* (sod webworm), *Lobesia botrana* (European grape vine moth), *Phyllocnistis citrella* (citrus leafminer), *Pieris brassicae* (large white butterfly), *Pieris rapae* (imported cabbageworm, or small white butterfly), *Plutella xylostella* (diamondback moth), *Spodoptera exigua* (beet armyworm), *Spodoptera litura* (tobacco cutworm, cluster caterpillar), and *Tuta absoluta* (tomato leafminer). The insects of the order Coleoptera include, but are not limited to, *Agriotes* spp., *Anthonomus* spp., *Atomaria linearis*, *Chaetocnema tibialis*, *Cosmopolites* spp., *Curculio* spp., *Dermestes* spp., *Diabrotica* spp., *Epilachna* spp., *Eremnus* spp., *Leptinotarsa decemlineata*, *Lissorhoptrus* spp., *Melolontha* spp., *Oryzaephilus* spp., *Otiorynchus* spp., *Phlyctinus* spp., *Popillia* spp., *Psylliodes* spp., *Rhizopertha* spp., *Scarabeidae*, *Sitophilus* spp., *Sitotroga* spp., *Tenebrio* spp., *Tribolium* spp. and *Trogoderma* spp. particularly when the pest is *Diabrotica virgifera virgifera* (Western Corn Rootworm, WCR), *Diabrotica barberi* (Northern Corn Rootworm, NCR), *Diabrotica virgifera zea* (Mexican Corn Rootworm, MCR), *Diabrotica balteata* (Brazilian Corn Rootworm (BZR), *Diabrotica undecimpunctata howardii* (Southern Corn Rootworm, SCR) and a Brazilian Corn Rootworm complex (BCR) consisting of *Diabrotica viridula* and *Diabrotica speciosa*).

Reference in this application to an “isolated DNA molecule”, “isolated polynucleotide molecule”, or an equivalent term or phrase, is intended to mean that the DNA molecule is one that is present alone or in combination with other compositions, but not within its natural environment. For example, nucleic acid elements such as a coding sequence, intron sequence, untranslated leader sequence, promoter sequence, transcriptional termination sequence, and the like, that are naturally found within the DNA of the genome of an organism are not considered to be “isolated” so long as the element is within the genome of the organism and at the location within the genome in which it is naturally found. However, each of these elements, and subparts of these elements, would be “isolated” within the scope of this disclosure so long as the element is not within the genome of the organism and at the location within the genome in which it is naturally found. Similarly, a nucleotide sequence encoding a insecticidal protein or any naturally occurring insecticidal variant of that protein would be an isolated nucleotide sequence so long as the nucleotide sequence was not within the DNA of the bacterium from which the sequence encoding the protein is naturally found. A synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of the naturally occurring insecticidal protein would be considered to be isolated for the purposes of this disclosure. For the purposes of this disclosure, any transgenic nucleotide sequence, i.e., the nucleotide sequence of the DNA inserted into the genome of the cells of a plant or bacterium, or present in an extrachromosomal vector would be considered to be an isolated nucleotide sequence whether it is present within the plasmid or similar structure used to transform the cells, within the genome of the plant or

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bacterium, or present in detectable amounts in tissues, progeny, biological samples or commodity products derived from the plant or bacterium.

As described further in this application, an open reading frame (ORF) (SEQ ID NO:1) encoding TIC3668 (SEQ ID NO:2) was discovered in DNA obtained from *Brevibacillus laterosporus* strain EG5552. Other bacterial genomes were then screened for sequences encoding TIC3668-related protein. Several other open reading frames were identified in these other bacterial genomes encoding amino acid sequences resembling the EG5552 TIC3668 protein, including the TIC3668-like proteins TIC3669 which was discovered in DNA obtained from *Brevibacillus laterosporus* strain EG5551 (SEQ ID NO:3 encoding SEQ ID NO:4), TIC3670 which was discovered in DNA obtained from *Brevibacillus laterosporus* strain EG5553 (SEQ ID NO:5 encoding SEQ ID NO:6), TIC4076 which was discovered in DNA obtained from *Brevibacillus laterosporus* strain ATCC6456 (SEQ ID NO:7 encoding SEQ ID NO:8), TIC4078 which was discovered in DNA obtained from *Brevibacillus laterosporus* strain EG4227 (SEQ ID NO:9 encoding SEQ ID NO:10), TIC4346 which was discovered in DNA obtained from *Brevibacillus laterosporus* strain EG5551 (SEQ ID NO:13 encoding SEQ ID NO:14), TIC4826 which was discovered in DNA obtained from *Brevibacillus laterosporus* strain AG0021D10 (SEQ ID NO:15 encoding SEQ ID NO:16), TIC4861 (SEQ ID NO:17 encoding SEQ ID NO:18), TIC4862 (SEQ ID NO:19 encoding SEQ ID NO:20) and TIC4863 (SEQ ID NO:21 encoding SEQ ID NO:22) which were discovered in DNA obtained from *Brevibacillus laterosporus* strain EG4227. One additional TIC3668-like protein, TIC4260 (SEQ ID NO:11 encoding SEQ ID NO:12), was created by combining the naturally occurring amino acid sequence variation from five different native TIC3668-like proteins to create a collage protein.

The respective coding sequences were cloned and expressed in microbial host cells to produce recombinant proteins for use in insect bioassays. As described further in this application, it is shown that these proteins exhibit bioactivity against *Diabrotica* species, including Western Corn Rootworm (WCR, *Diabrotica virgifera virgifera*), Western European Corn Borer (ECB, *Ostrinia nubilalis*), Southwestern Corn Borer (SWC, *Diatraea grandiosella*), and Soybean Looper (SBL, *Chrysodeixis includens*).

A surprising feature of the TIC3668-type proteins is the presence of a N-terminal amino acid segment corresponding to amino acid position 1 to 23 for TIC3668, TIC3669, TIC3670, TIC4076, TIC4078, TIC4260, TIC4346, TIC4826, TIC4863; 1 to 12 for TIC4861; and 1 to 21 for TIC4862. Each of these N-terminal amino acid segments may be omitted from the respective protein and the polynucleotide sequence encoding the respective segment may also be omitted. When expressed in planta, omission of these respective segments surprisingly resulted in an increase of insecticidal activity against corn rootworm species compared to expression of the full-length protein toxin containing the omitted segment. Protein toxin segments lacking the N-terminal amino acid segments referred to above are referred to herein as "mature TIC3668-type toxin proteins". In general, reference to the mature version of a TIC3668-type protein is annotated herein with the letter "m" preceded

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ing the name of the toxin to differentiate reference to the mature sequence from the full length native sequence. For example, the mature version of the amino acid sequence for TIC3668 (SEQ ID NO: 2) is mTIC3668 (SEQ ID NO:23). The mature versions for TIC3669 (SEQ ID NO:4), TIC3670 (SEQ ID NO:6), TIC4076 (SEQ ID NO:8), TIC4078 (SEQ ID NO:10), TIC4260 (SEQ ID NO:12), TIC4346 (SEQ ID NO:14) and TIC4826 (SEQ ID NO:16) are mTIC3669 (SEQ ID NO:24), mTIC3670 (SEQ ID NO:25), mTIC4076 (SEQ ID NO:26), mTIC4078 (SEQ ID NO:27), mTIC4260 (SEQ ID NO:28), mTIC4346 (SEQ ID NO:29) and mTIC4826 (SEQ ID NO:30), respectively. The full-length proteins TIC4861 (SEQ ID NO:18), TIC4862 (SEQ ID NO:20) and TIC4863 (SEQ ID NO:22) are sequence length variants of each other and differ only in the length of their N-terminal amino acid segment. Removal of the N-terminal amino acid segment in TIC4861, TIC4862, and TIC4863 creates an identical mature amino acid sequence for mTIC4861, mTIC4862, and mTIC4863. Thus, the amino acid sequences for mTIC4861, mTIC4862, and mTIC4863 are encoded by the same polynucleotide sequence (mTIC4861, SEQ ID NO:31). The mature TIC3668-like protein sequences are encoded by SEQ ID NO:64 (encoding mTIC3668), SEQ ID NO:65 (encoding mTIC3669), SEQ ID NO:66 (encoding mTIC3670), SEQ ID NO:67 (encoding mTIC4076), SEQ ID NO:68 (encoding mTIC4078), SEQ ID NO:69 (encoding mTIC4260), SEQ ID NO:70 (encoding mTIC4346), SEQ ID NO:71 (encoding mTIC4826), and SEQ ID NO:72 (encoding mTIC4861, mTIC4862, and mTIC4863) for expression in bacterial hosts.

Additional members to the TIC3668-type family can be created by using the naturally occurring amino acid variations from some or all family members to create novel proteins of a higher level of amino acid sequence diversity and with novel properties. Variants of the TIC3668-type protein toxin class were produced by aligning the amino acid sequences of

TIC3668-type family members and combining differences at the amino acid sequence level into a novel amino acid sequence and making appropriate changes to the polynucleotides encoding these variants. One such example is TIC4260. SEQ ID NO:11 is the polynucleotide sequence encoding the TIC4260 protein (SEQ ID NO:12). The mature protein (mTIC4260, SEQ ID NO:28) is encoded by the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:43.

Fragments of the TIC3668-type protein toxins can be truncated forms wherein one or more amino acids are deleted from the N-terminal end, C-terminal end, the middle of the protein, or combinations thereof with insect inhibitory activity. These fragments can be naturally occurring or synthetic variants of TIC3668, TIC3669, TIC3670, TIC4260, TIC4076, TIC4078, TIC4346, TIC4826, TIC4861, TIC4862 or TIC4863, but should retain or improve the insect inhibitory activity of TIC3668, TIC3669, TIC3670, TIC4260, TIC4076, TIC4078, TIC4346, TIC4826, TIC4861, TIC4862 or TIC4863. Truncated N-terminal or C-terminal deletion variants include, but are not limited to, TIC3668, TIC3669, TIC3670, TIC4260, TIC4076, TIC4078, TIC4346, TIC4826, TIC4861, TIC4862 or TIC4863 proteins that lack amino acid residues from either the N-terminus and/or the C-terminus. For example,

N-terminal amino acid residues 1 to 23 of a TIC3668 protein can be deleted resulting in a toxin protein having amino acids 24-317 of SEQ ID NO:2. Removing 10 or 20 amino acids from the C-terminal amino acid end of a TIC3668 protein resulted in a loss of insecticidal activity, while removing a single amino acid did not affect activity.

Proteins of the TIC3668-type protein class, and proteins that resemble the proteins of the TIC3668-type protein class, can be identified by comparison to each other using various computer based algorithms known in the art (see Tables 1 and 2). Amino acid sequence identities reported herein are a result of a Clustal W alignment using these default parameters: Weight matrix: blosum, Gap opening penalty: 10.0, Gap extension penalty: 0.05, Hydrophilic gaps: On, Hydrophilic residues: GPSNDQERK, Residue-specific gap penalties: On (Thompson, et al. (1994) Nucleic Acids Research, 22:4673-4680). Percent amino acid identity is further calculated by the product of 100% multiplied by (amino acid identities/length of subject protein). Other alignment algorithms are also available in the art and provide results similar to those obtained using a Clustal W alignment.

It is intended that a protein exhibiting insect inhibitory activity against a Lepidopteran insect species is a member of the TIC3668-type protein toxin class if the protein is used in a query, e.g., in a Clustal W alignment, and at least one of the proteins of the present invention as set forth as mTIC4260 is identified as hits in such alignment in which the query protein exhibits at least about 85% to about 100% amino acid sequence identity along the length of the query protein, that is 85%, 86%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, 100%, or any fraction percentage in this range; or at least one of the proteins of the present invention as set forth as mTIC3668 is identified as hits in such alignment in which the query protein exhibits at least about 89% to about 100% amino

acid sequence identity along the length of the query protein, that is 89%, 90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, 100%, or any fraction percentage in this range; or at least one of the proteins of the present invention as set forth as mTIC3669 and/or mTIC3670 are identified as hits in such alignment in which the query protein exhibits at least about 90% to about 100% amino acid sequence identity along the length of the query protein, that is 90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, 100%, or any fraction percentage in this range; or at least one of the proteins of the present invention as set forth as mTIC4826 is identified as a hit in such alignment in which the query protein exhibits at least about 91% to about 100% amino acid sequence identity along the length of the query protein, that is 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, 100%, or any fraction percentage in this range.

It is intended that a protein exhibiting insect inhibitory activity against a Coleopteran insect species is a member of the TIC3668-type protein toxin class if the protein is used in a query, e.g., in a Clustal W alignment, and at least one of the proteins of the present invention as set forth as mTIC3668, mTIC3669, mTIC3670, mTIC4076, mTIC4078, mTIC4260, mTIC4346, mTIC4826, mTIC4861, mTIC4862, and mTIC4863 are identified as hits in such alignment in which the query protein exhibits at least about 35% to about 100% amino acid identity along the length of the query protein that is about 35%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 75%, 76%, 77%, 78%, 79%, 80%, 81%, 82%, 83%, 84%, 85%, 85%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, 100%, or any fraction percentage in this range.

Exemplary proteins of the TIC3668-type protein toxin class were aligned with each other using a Clustal W algorithm. A pair-wise matrix of percent amino acid sequence identities for each pair of the full-length proteins was created, as reported in Table 1. A pair-wise matrix of percent amino acid sequence identities for each pair of the mature-length proteins was created, as reported in Table 2.

TABLE 1

Pair-wise matrix display of exemplary full-length proteins												
SEQ ID NO:	M	N										
		2	6	4	8	14	18	20	22	16	10	12
2	TIC3668	—	99.4 (315)	97.8 (310)	96.2 (305)	97.2 (308)	93.1 (295)	95.6 (303)	96.5 (306)	97.2 (308)	94.3 (299)	96.2 (305)
6	TIC3670	99.4 (315)	—	98.4 (312)	96.8 (307)	97.2 (308)	93.7 (297)	96.2 (305)	97.2 (308)	97.8 (310)	95 (301)	95.6 (303)
4	TIC3669	97.8 (310)	98.4 (312)	—	96.8 (307)	96.8 (307)	93.4 (296)	96.2 (305)	97.2 (308)	97.5 (309)	94.6 (300)	95.3 (302)
8	TIC4076	96.2 (305)	96.8 (307)	96.8 (307)	—	98.4 (312)	94.3 (299)	97.2 (308)	98.1 (311)	98.1 (311)	96.2 (305)	93.4 (296)
14	TIC4346	97.2 (308)	97.2 (308)	96.8 (307)	98.4 (312)	—	94.3 (299)	97.2 (308)	98.1 (311)	98.7 (313)	96.2 (305)	93.7 (297)
18	TIC4861	96.4 (295)	97.1 (297)	96.7 (296)	97.7 (299)	97.7 (299)	—	99.7 (305)	99.7 (305)	98.4 (301)	95.4 (292)	92.5 (283)
20	TIC4862	96.2 (303)	96.8 (305)	96.8 (305)	97.8 (308)	97.8 (308)	96.8 (305)	—	99.7 (314)	98.4 (310)	95.2 (300)	92.4 (291)
22	TIC4863	96.5 (306)	97.2 (308)	97.2 (308)	98.1 (311)	98.1 (311)	96.2 (305)	99.1 (314)	—	98.7 (313)	95.6 (303)	92.7 (294)
16	TIC4826	97.2 (308)	97.8 (310)	97.5 (309)	98.1 (311)	98.7 (313)	95 (301)	97.8 (310)	98.7 (313)	—	95.9 (304)	93.4 (296)
10	TIC4078	94.3 (299)	95 (301)	94.6 (300)	96.2 (305)	96.2 (305)	92.1 (292)	94.6 (300)	95.6 (303)	95.9 (304)	—	96.2 (305)
12	TIC4260	96.2 (305)	95.6 (303)	95.3 (302)	93.4 (296)	93.7 (297)	89.3 (283)	91.8 (291)	92.7 (294)	93.4 (296)	96.2 (305)	—

Table Description: Clustal W alignment between (X) versus (Y) are reported in a pair-wise matrix. Columns under (N) refer to SEQ ID NO. Column (M) refers to protein name (TIC#). The percent amino acid identity between all pairs is calculated and is represented by the first number in each box. The second number (in parentheses) in each box represents the number of identical amino acids between the pair.

TABLE 2

Pair-wise matrix display of exemplary mature proteins										
SEQ ID NO:	M	N								
		26	29	30	31	23	25	24	27	28
26	mTIC4076	—	98.3 (290)	98 (289)	98 (289)	96.3 (284)	96.9 (286)	96.6 (285)	96.3 (284)	93.2 (275)
29	mTIC4346	98.3 (290)	—	98.6 (291)	98 (289)	97.3 (287)	97.3 (287)	96.6 (285)	96.3 (284)	93.6 (276)
30	mTIC4826	98 (289)	98.6 (291)	—	98.6 (291)	97.3 (287)	98 (289)	97.3 (287)	95.9 (283)	93.2 (275)
31	mTIC4861	98 (289)	98 (289)	98.6 (291)	—	96.6 (285)	97.3 (287)	96.9 (286)	95.6 (282)	92.5 (273)
23	mTIC3668	96.3 (284)	97.3 (287)	97.3 (287)	96.6 (285)	— (293)	99.3 (289)	98 (277)	93.9 (283)	95.9 (283)
25	mTIC3670	96.9 (286)	97.3 (287)	98 (289)	97.3 (287)	99.3 (293)	— (291)	98.6 (279)	94.6 (281)	95.3 (281)
24	mTIC3669	96.6 (285)	96.6 (285)	97.3 (287)	96.9 (286)	98 (289)	98.6 (291)	— (279)	94.6 (281)	95.3 (281)
27	mTIC4078	96.3 (284)	96.3 (284)	95.9 (283)	95.6 (282)	93.9 (277)	94.6 (279)	94.6 (279)	— (283)	95.9 (283)
28	mTIC4260	93.2 (275)	93.6 (276)	93.2 (275)	92.5 (273)	95.9 (283)	95.3 (281)	95.3 (281)	95.9 (283)	— (283)

Table Description: Clustal W alignment between (X) versus (Y) are reported in a pair-wise matrix. Columns under (N) refer to SEQ ID NO. Column (M) refers to protein name (TIC#). The percent amino acid identity between all pairs is calculated and is represented by the first number in each box. The second number (in parentheses) in each box represents the number of identical amino acids between the pair.

The full-length and mature proteins of the TIC3668-type protein toxin class can also be related by primary structure (conserved amino acid motifs), by length (about 295 amino acids for the mature proteins and about 317 amino acids for the full-length proteins) and by other characteristics. The full-length proteins from the present invention have a mea-

sured mass of about 35k-Daltons when run on protein gels under denaturing conditions, and the mature proteins have a measured mass of about 32 kDa. Characteristics of the full-length and mature forms of the TIC3668-type protein toxin class are reported in Tables 3 and 4.

TABLE 3

Characteristics of Full-length Protein								
Protein	Molecular Weight (in Daltons)	Amino Acid Length	Isoelectric Point	Charge at PH 7.0	No. of Strongly Basic (–) Amino Acids	No. of Strongly Acidic Amino Acids	No. of Hydrophobic Amino Acids	No. of Polar Amino Acids
TIC3668	34770.96	317	9.049	5.229	34	29	95	111
TIC3669	34769.91	317	8.898	4.231	34	30	95	111
TIC3670	34788.89	320	8.898	4.231	34	30	93	112
TIC4076	34652.83	317	8.721	3.232	32	29	95	112
TIC4078	34676.86	317	8.936	4.397	32	28	96	110
TIC4260	34743.98	317	9.077	5.395	33	28	96	109
TIC4826	34734.97	317	8.899	4.231	33	29	95	111
TIC4861	33448.24	306	8.439	2.233	31	29	87	110
TIC4862	34392.43	315	8.439	2.233	31	29	94	112
TIC4863	34648.77	317	8.899	4.231	33	29	94	112
TIC4346	34717.95	317	8.437	2.235	32	30	97	109

TABLE 4

Characteristics of Mature Protein								
Protein	Molecular Weight (in Daltons)	Amino Acid Length	Isoelectric Point	Charge at PH 7.0	No. of Strongly Basic Amino Acids	No. of Strongly Acidic Amino Acids	No. of Hydrophobic Amino Acids	No. of Polar Amino Acids
mTIC3668	32317.06	295	8.722	3.064	32	29	83	104
mTIC3669	32303.95	295	8.436	2.067	32	30	82	105
mTIC3670	32334.99	295	8.436	2.067	32	30	81	105
mTIC4076	32186.87	295	8.000	1.068	30	29	82	106

TABLE 4-continued

Characteristics of Mature Protein								
Protein	Molecular Weight (in Daltons)	Amino Acid Length	Isoelectric Point	Charge at PH 7.0	No. of Strongly Basic Amino Acids	No. of Strongly Acidic Amino Acids	No. of Hydrophobic Amino Acids	No. of Polar Amino Acids
mTIC4078	32222.96	295	8.466	2.233	30	28	84	103
mTIC4260	32290.07	295	8.747	3.230	31	28	84	102
mTIC4826	32269.01	295	8.436	2.066	31	29	82	105
mTIC4861	32182.81	295	8.436	2.066	31	29	81	106
mTIC4862								
mTIC4863								
mTIC4346	32251.99	295	7.092	0.071	30	30	84	103

The proteins of the disclosed TIC3668-type protein toxin class represent a new class of insecticidal proteins. With reference to Table 5, all of the numbers above the diagonal line corresponding to 100% identity, represent the number of amino acid differences between the corresponding proteins being compared at the intersection of that particular row and column. The numbers below the diagonal line corresponding to 100% identity represent the percent identity of the corresponding proteins being compared at the intersection of that particular row and column. The mature length members of this protein class exhibit no greater than 90.54% amino acid identity to any other insecticidal protein known in the art, as demonstrated in the alignment provided in Table 5. The insecticidal protein exhibiting the nearest identity to any of the mature length proteins of the present invention is SEQ ID NO:50 in U.S. Patent Application Publication number 20110030093 (AXMI-209) with 90.5% sequence identity to mTIC4076, mTIC4346, mTIC4826, and mTIC4863. This disclosure only teaches activity against Lepidoptera, while exemplary proteins of the present invention demonstrate activity against Coleoptera. HOUIDD3_BRELA, F7TVP6_BRELA, and U4WSU1_BRELA are unannotated protein sequences predicted from the open reading frame in genome sequences reported as having been obtained from *B. laterosporous*. No insecticidal activity is reported for these proteins.

that were designed for expression in plants and encode the full-length of the insect inhibitory TIC3668, TIC3669, TIC3670, TIC4260, TIC4076, TIC4078, TIC4346, TIC4826, TIC4861, TIC4862, and TIC4863 proteins are set forth in SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:50, and SEQ ID NO:51. Exemplary polynucleotides that were designed for expression in plants and encode a mature form of the insect inhibitory mTIC3668, mTIC3669, mTIC3670, mTIC4260, mTIC4076, mTIC4078, mTIC4346, mTIC4826, mTIC4861, mTIC4862, and mTIC4863 proteins are set forth in SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:47, and SEQ ID NO:49.

Expression cassettes and vectors containing these polynucleotide sequences were constructed and introduced into corn plant cells in accordance with transformation methods and techniques known in the art. Transformed cells were regenerated into transformed plants that were observed to be expressing TIC3668 toxin proteins. To test pesticidal activity, bioassays were performed in the presence of Lepidopteran or Coleopteran pest larvae using plant leaf disks obtained from the transformed plants.

The insect inhibitory activity of exemplary members of the TIC3668-type protein toxin class is described in more

TABLE 5

Alignment of Mature Length TIC3886 Proteins to Prior Art Proteins													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
mTIC3668	1	100	6	2	11	18	12	8	8	10	36	32	32
mTIC3669	2	98.0	100	4	10	16	14	10	8	9	35	32	32
mTIC3670	3	99.3	98.6	100	9	16	14	8	6	8	34	30	31
mTIC4076	4	96.3	96.6	97.0	100	11	20	5	6	6	30	28	30
mTIC4078	5	93.9	94.6	94.6	96.3	100	12	11	12	13	37	34	36
mTIC4260	6	95.9	95.3	95.3	93.2	95.9	100	19	20	22	48	44	44
mTIC4346	7	97.3	96.6	97.3	98.3	96.3	93.6	100	4	6	30	26	28
mTIC4826	8	97.3	97.3	98.0	98.0	95.9	93.2	98.6	100	4	30	24	24
mTIC4863	9	96.6	97.0	97.3	98.0	95.6	92.5	98.0	98.6	100	30	28	28
AXMI_209	10	88.6	89.0	89.3	90.5	88.3	84.9	90.5	90.5	90.4	100	6	8
HOUIDD3_BRELA	11	89.9	89.9	90.5	91.2	89.3	86.1	91.8	92.4	91.2	98.1	100	2
F7TVP6_BRELA	12	89.9	89.9	90.5	90.5	88.6	86.1	91.2	92.4	91.2	97.5	99.4	100
U4WSU1_BRELA	13	89.6	89.9	90.2	90.9	89.3	86.4	90.9	92.1	91.5	97.8	99.1	99.1

The TIC3668 proteins disclosed in this application exhibit activity in diet bioassays against Coleoptera, including WCR. In some cases Lepidopteran activity is also observed.

As described further in the Examples of this application, polynucleotide sequences encoding TIC3668 toxin proteins were designed for use in plants. Exemplary polynucleotides

detail in the Examples. The exemplary proteins are related by common function and exhibit insecticidal activity towards Coleoptera and Lepidoptera insect species, including adults, pupae, larvae and neonates.

Recombinant polynucleotide compositions that encode TIC3668-type proteins are contemplated. For example,

TIC3668-type proteins can be expressed with recombinant DNA constructs in which a polynucleotide molecule with an ORF encoding the protein is operably linked to genetic expression elements such as a promoter and any other regulatory element necessary for expression in the system for which the construct is intended. Non-limiting examples include a plant-functional promoter operably linked to the TIC3668-type protein encoding sequences for expression of the protein in plants or a Bt-functional promoter operably linked to a TIC3668-type protein encoding sequence for expression of the protein in a Bt bacterium or other *Bacillus* species. Other elements can be operably linked to the TIC3668-type protein encoding sequences including, but not limited to, enhancers, introns, untranslated leaders, encoded protein immobilization tags (HIS-tag), translocation peptides (i.e., plastid transit peptides, signal peptides), polypeptide sequences for post-translational modifying enzymes, ribosomal binding sites, and RNAi target sites. Exemplary recombinant polynucleotide molecules provided herewith include, but are not limited to, a heterologous promoter operably linked to a polynucleotide such as SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:19, and SEQ ID NO:21 that encodes the respective polypeptides or proteins having the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, and SEQ ID NO:22. The codons of a recombinant polynucleotide molecule encoding for proteins disclosed herein can be substituted by synonymous codons (known in the art as a silent substitution). Non-limiting examples for modified polynucleotides encoding any of the TIC3668-type proteins disclosed in this application are set forth in SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:50, and SEQ ID NO:51 for the full-length protein sequences and SEQ ID NOs:33, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:47, and SEQ ID NO:49 for the mature protein sequences.

A recombinant DNA construct comprising TIC3668-type protein encoding sequences can further comprise a region of DNA that encodes for one or more insect inhibitory agents which can be configured to concomitantly express or co-express with a DNA sequence encoding a TIC3668-type protein, a protein different from a TIC3668-type protein, an insect inhibitory dsRNA molecule, or an ancillary protein. Ancillary proteins include, but are not limited to, co-factors, enzymes, binding-partners, or other agents that function to aid in the effectiveness of an insect inhibitory agent, for example, by aiding its expression, influencing its stability in plants, optimizing free energy for oligomerization, augmenting its toxicity, and increasing its spectrum of activity. An ancillary protein may facilitate the uptake of one or more insect inhibitory agents, for example, or potentiate the toxic effects of the toxic agent.

A recombinant DNA construct can be assembled so that all proteins or dsRNA molecules are expressed from one promoter or each protein or dsRNA molecules is under separate promoter control or some combination thereof. The proteins of this invention can be expressed from a multi-gene expression system in which one or more proteins of the TIC3668-proteins are expressed from a common nucleotide segment which also contains other open reading frames and promoters, depending on the type of expression system selected. For example, a bacterial multi-gene expression

system can utilize a single promoter to drive expression of multiply-linked/tandem open reading frames from within a single operon (i.e., polycistronic expression). In another example, a plant multi-gene expression system can utilize multiply-unlinked expression cassettes each expressing a different protein or other agent such as one or more dsRNA molecules

Recombinant polynucleotides or recombinant DNA constructs comprising a TIC3668-type protein encoding sequence can be delivered to host cells by vectors, e.g., a plasmid, baculovirus, synthetic chromosome, virion, cosmid, phagemid, phage, or viral vector. Such vectors can be used to achieve stable or transient expression of a TIC3668-type protein encoding sequence in a host cell, or subsequent expression of the encoded polypeptide. An exogenous recombinant polynucleotide or recombinant DNA construct that comprises a TIC3668-type protein encoding sequence and that is introduced into a host cell is referred herein as a "transgene".

Transgenic bacteria, transgenic plant cells, transgenic plants, and transgenic plant parts that contain a recombinant polynucleotide that expresses any one or more of the TIC3668-type protein encoding sequences are provided herein. The term "bacterial cell" or "bacterium" can include, but is not limited to, an *Agrobacterium*, a *Bacillus*, an *Escherichia*, a *Salmonella*, a *Pseudomonas*, or a *Rhizobium* cell. The term "plant cell" or "plant" can include but is not limited to a monocotyledon, dicotyledon, alfalfa, banana, barley, bean, broccoli, cabbage, brassica, carrot, cassava, castor, cauliflower, celery, chickpea, Chinese cabbage, citrus, coconut, coffee, corn, clover, cotton, a cucurbit, cucumber, Douglas fir, eggplant, eucalyptus, flax, garlic, grape, hops, leek, lettuce, Loblolly pine, millets, melons, nut, oat, olive, onion, ornamental, palm, pasture grass, pea, peanut, pepper, pigeonpea, pine, potato, poplar, pumpkin, Radiata pine, radish, rapeseed, rice, rootstocks, rye, safflower, shrub, sorghum, Southern pine, soybean, spinach, squash, strawberry, sugar beet, sugarcane, sunflower, sweet corn, sweet gum, sweet potato, switchgrass, tea, tobacco, tomato, triticale, turf grass, watermelon, and wheat plant cell or plant. In certain embodiments, transgenic plants and transgenic plant parts regenerated from a transgenic plant cell are provided. In certain embodiments, the transgenic plants can be obtained from a transgenic seed, by cutting, snapping, grinding or otherwise disassociating the part from the plant. In certain embodiments, the plant part can be a seed, a boll, a leaf, a flower, a stem, a root, or any portion thereof, or a non-regenerable portion of a transgenic plant part. As used in this context, a "non-regenerable" portion of a transgenic plant part is a portion that can not be induced to form a whole plant or that can not be induced to form a whole plant that is capable of sexual and/or asexual reproduction. In certain embodiments, a non-regenerable portion of a plant part is a portion of a transgenic seed, boll, leaf, flower, stem, or root.

Methods of making transgenic plants that comprise insect, Coleoptera- or Lepidoptera-inhibitory amounts of a TIC3668-type protein are provided. Such plants can be made by introducing a recombinant polynucleotide that encodes any of the TIC3668-type proteins provided in this application into a plant cell, and selecting a plant derived from said plant cell that expresses an insect, Coleoptera- or Lepidoptera-inhibitory amount of the TIC3668-type proteins. Plants can be derived from the plant cells by regeneration, seed, pollen, or meristem transformation techniques. Methods for transforming plants are known in the art.

Processed plant products, wherein the processed product comprises a detectable amount of a TIC3668-type protein, an insect inhibitory segment or fragment thereof, or any distinguishing portion thereof, are also disclosed in this application. In certain embodiments, the processed product is selected from the group consisting of plant parts, plant biomass, oil, meal, sugar, animal feed, flour, flakes, bran, lint, hulls, processed seed, and seed. In certain embodiments, the processed product is non-regenerable. The plant product can comprise commodity or other products of commerce derived from a transgenic plant or transgenic plant part, where the commodity or other products can be tracked through commerce by detecting nucleotide segments or expressed RNA or proteins that encode or comprise distinguishing portions of a TIC3668-type protein.

Plants expressing the TIC3668 proteins can be crossed by breeding with transgenic events expressing other toxin proteins and/or expressing other transgenic traits such as herbicide tolerance genes, genes conferring yield or stress tolerance traits, and the like, or such traits can be combined in a single vector so that the traits are all linked.

TIC3668-type protein-encoding sequences and sequences having a substantial percentage identity to TIC3668-type protein-encoding sequences can be identified using methods known to those of ordinary skill in the art such as polymerase chain reaction (PCR), thermal amplification and hybridization. For example, the proteins of the TIC3668-type protein toxin class can be used to produce antibodies that bind specifically to this class of proteins, and can be used to screen for and to find other members of the class.

Further, nucleotide sequences encoding the TIC3668-type protein toxin class (and reverse complement sequences) can be used as probes and primers for screening to identify other members of the class using thermal-cycle or isothermal amplification and hybridization methods. Specifically, oligonucleotides derived from sequences as set forth in any of SEQ ID NOs:52 through 61 can be used to determine the presence or absence of a TIC3668-type transgene in a deoxyribonucleic acid sample derived from a commodity product. Given the sensitivity of certain nucleic acid detection methods that employ oligonucleotides, it is anticipated that oligonucleotides derived from sequences as set forth in any of SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:56, SEQ ID NO:57, SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, and SEQ ID NO:61 can be used to detect a TIC3668, TIC3669, TIC3670, TIC4076, TIC4078, or TIC4260 transgene in commodity products derived from pooled sources where only a fraction of the commodity product is derived from a transgenic plant containing any of SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:56, SEQ ID NO:57, SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, and SEQ ID NO:61. It is further recognized that such oligonucleotides can be used to introduce nucleotide sequence variation in each of SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:56, SEQ ID NO:57, SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, and SEQ ID NO:61. Such "mutagenesis" oligonucleotides are useful for identification of TIC3668, TIC3669, TIC3670, TIC4076, TIC4078, or TIC4260, amino acid sequence variants exhibiting a range of insect inhibitory activity or varied expression in transgenic plant host cells.

Nucleotide sequence homologs, e.g., insecticidal proteins encoded by nucleotide sequences that hybridize to each or any of the sequences disclosed in this application under stringent hybridization conditions, are also an embodiment of the present invention. The invention also provides a

method for detecting a first nucleotide sequence that hybridizes to a second nucleotide sequence, wherein the first nucleotide sequence (or its reverse complement sequence) encodes an insecticidal protein or insecticidal fragment thereof and hybridizes under stringent hybridization conditions to the second nucleotide sequence. In such case, the second nucleotide sequence can be any of the nucleotide sequences disclosed in the TIC3668-type protein toxin class under stringent hybridization conditions. Nucleotide coding sequences hybridize to one another under appropriate hybridization conditions and the proteins encoded by these nucleotide sequences cross react with antiserum raised against any one of the other proteins. Stringent hybridization conditions are known in the art and may vary according to the desired application and outcome and may encompass a variety of reagents and conditions. For instance, washes at higher temperatures constitute more stringent conditions. In certain embodiments, hybridization conditions of the present invention may comprise at least hybridization at 42° C. followed by two washes for five minutes each at room temperature with 2X SSC, 0.1% SDS, followed by two washes for thirty minutes each at 65° C. in 0.5X SSC, 0.1% SDS; or hybridization at 68° C., followed by washing at 68° C., in 2X SSC containing 0.1% SDS; or hybridization from 4 to 12 hours in 50% formamide, 1 M NaCl, and 1% SDS at 37 C, and a wash in 0.1 X SSC at 60 C-65 C.

One skilled in the art will recognize that, due to the redundancy of the genetic code, many other sequences are capable of encoding such related proteins, and those sequences, to the extent that they function to express insecticidal proteins either in *Bacillus* strains or in plant cells, are embodiments of the present invention, recognizing of course that many such redundant coding sequences will not hybridize under these conditions to the native *Bacillus* sequences encoding TIC3668. This application contemplates the use of these, and other identification methods known to those of ordinary skill in the art, to identify TIC3668-type protein-encoding sequences and sequences having a substantial percentage identity to TIC3668-type protein-encoding sequences.

This disclosure also contemplates the use of molecular methods known in the art to engineer and clone commercially useful proteins comprising chimeras of proteins from pesticidal proteins; e.g., the chimeras may be assembled from segments of the TIC3668-type proteins to derive additional useful embodiments including assembly of segments of TIC3668-type proteins with segments of diverse proteins different from TIC3668 and related proteins. The TIC3668-type protein class may be subjected to alignment to each other and to other *Bacillus* pesticidal proteins (whether or not these are closely or distantly related phylogenetically), and segments of each such protein may be identified that are useful for substitution between the aligned proteins, resulting in the construction of chimeric proteins. Such chimeric proteins can be subjected to pest bioassay analysis and characterized for the presence or absence of increased bioactivity and/or expanded target pest spectrum compared to the parent proteins from which each such segment in the chimera was derived. The pesticidal activity of the polypeptides may be further engineered for activity to a particular pest or to a broader spectrum of pests by swapping domains or segments with other proteins or by using directed evolution methods known in the art.

Methods of controlling insects, in particular Lepidoptera or Coleoptera infestations of crop plants, with proteins from the TIC3668 toxin protein class are also disclosed in this application. Such methods can comprise growing a plant

comprising an insect-, Coleoptera- or Lepidoptera-inhibitory amount of a protein of the TIC3668 toxin protein class. In certain embodiments, such methods can further comprise any one or more of: (i) applying any composition comprising or encoding a protein of the TIC3668-type protein toxin class to a plant or a seed that gives rise to a plant; and (ii) transforming a plant or a plant cell that gives rise to a plant with a polynucleotide encoding a protein of the TIC3668-type protein toxin class. In general, it is contemplated that any protein in the TIC3668-type protein toxin class can be provided in a composition, provided in a microorganism, or provided in a transgenic plant to confer insect inhibitory activity against Lepidopteran or Coleopteran insects.

In certain embodiments, a recombinant polypeptide of the TIC3668-type protein toxin class is the insecticidally active ingredient of an insect inhibitory composition prepared by culturing recombinant *Bacillus* or any other recombinant bacterial cell transformed to express a TIC3668-type protein toxin under conditions suitable to express and produce proteins of the TIC3668-type protein toxin class. Such a composition can be prepared by desiccation, lyophilization, homogenization, extraction, filtration, centrifugation, sedimentation, or concentration of a culture of such recombinant cells expressing/producing said recombinant polypeptide. Such a process can result in a *Bacillus* or other entomopathogenic bacterial cell extract, cell suspension, cell homogenate, cell lysate, cell supernatant, cell filtrate, or cell pellet. By obtaining the recombinant polypeptides so produced, a composition that includes the recombinant polypeptides can include bacterial cells, bacterial spores, and parasporal inclusion bodies and can be formulated for various uses, including as agricultural insect inhibitory spray products or as insect inhibitory formulations in diet bioassays.

In one embodiment, to reduce the likelihood of resistance development, an insect inhibitory composition comprising one or more proteins from the TIC3668-type protein toxin class can further comprise at least one additional polypeptide that exhibits insect inhibitory activity against the same Lepidopteran or Coleopteran insect species, but which is different from the TIC3668-type protein toxin. Possible additional polypeptides for such a composition include an insect inhibitory protein and an insect inhibitory dsRNA molecule. One example for the use of such ribonucleotide sequences to control insect pests is described in Baum, et al. (U.S. Patent Publication 2006/0021087 A1). Such additional polypeptide for the control of Lepidopteran pests may be selected from the group consisting of an insect inhibitory protein, such as, but not limited to, Cry1A (U.S. Pat. No. 5,880,275), Cry1Ab, Cry1Ac, Cry1A.105, Cry1Ae, Cry1B (U.S. Patent Publication Ser. No. 10/525,318), Cry1C (U.S. Pat. No. 6,033,874), Cry1D, Cry1Da and variants thereof, Cry1E, Cry1F, and Cry1A/F chimeras (U.S. Pat. Nos. 7,070,982; 6,962,705; and 6,713,063), Cry1G, Cry1H, Cry1I, Cry1J, Cry1K, Cry1L, Cry1-type chimeras such as, but not limited to, TIC836, TIC860, TIC867, TIC869 and TIC1100, Cry2A, Cry2Ab (U.S. Pat. No. 7,064,249), Cry2Ae, Cry4B, Cry6, Cry7, Cry8, Cry9, Cry15, Cry43A, Cry43B, Cry51Aal, ET66, TIC400, TIC400C, TIC800, TIC834, TIC1415, Vip3A, VIP3Ab, VIP3B, AXMI-184, AXMI-196, DIG-3, DIG-4, DIG-5, DIG-11, AfIP-1A and derivatives thereof (U.S. Patent Publication 2014-0033361 A1), AfIP-1B and derivatives thereof (U.S. Patent Publication 2014-0033361 A1), PIP-1AIP-1B (U.S. Patent Publication 2014-0007292 A1), PSEEN3174 (U.S. Patent Publication 2014-0007292 A1), AECFG-592740 (U.S. Patent Publication 2014-0007292 A1), Pput 1063 (U.S. Patent Publication 2014-0007292 A1), Pput 1064 (U.S. Patent Publication

2014-0007292 A1), GS-135 and derivatives thereof (U.S. Patent Publication 2012-0233726 A1), GS153 and derivatives thereof (U.S. Patent Publication 2012-0192310 A1), GS154 and derivatives thereof (U.S. Patent Publication 2012-0192310 A1), GS155 and derivatives thereof (U.S. Patent Publication 2012-0192310 A1), SEQ ID NO:2 and derivatives thereof as described in U.S. Patent Publication 2012-0167259 A1, SEQ ID NO:2 and derivatives thereof as described in U.S. Patent Publication 2012-0047606 A1, SEQ ID NO:2 and derivatives thereof as described in U.S. Patent Publication 2011-0154536 A1, SEQ ID NO:2 and derivatives thereof as described in U.S. Patent Publication 2011-0112013 A1, SEQ ID NO:2 and 4 and derivatives thereof as described in U.S. Patent Publication 2010-0192256 A1, SEQ ID NO:2 and derivatives thereof as described in U.S. Patent Publication 2010-0077507 A1, SEQ ID NO:2 and derivatives thereof as described in U.S. Patent Publication 2010-0077508 A1, SEQ ID NO:2 and derivatives thereof as described in U.S. Patent Publication 2009-0313721 A1, SEQ ID NO:2 or 4 and derivatives thereof as described in U.S. Patent Publication 2010-0269221 A1, SEQ ID NO:2 and derivatives thereof as described in U.S. Pat. No. 7,772,465 (B2), CF161 0085 and derivatives thereof as described in WO2014/008054 A2, Lepidopteran toxic proteins and their derivatives as described in US Patent Publications US2008-0172762 A1, US2011-0055968 A1, and US2012-0117690 A1; SEQ ID NO:2 and derivatives thereof as described in U.S. Pat. No. 7,510,878(B2), SEQ ID NO:2 and derivatives thereof as described in U.S. Pat. No. 7,812,129(B1); and other Lepidopteran-inhibitory proteins known to those of ordinary skill in the art. Such additional polypeptide for the control of Coleopteran pests may be selected from the group consisting of an insect inhibitory protein, such as, but not limited to, Cry3Bb (U.S. Pat. No. 6,501,009), Cry1C variants, Cry3A variants, Cry3, Cry3B, Cry34/35, 5307, Axmi184, Axmi205, AxmiR1, TIC407, TIC417, TIC431, TIC807, TIC853, TIC901, TIC1201, TIC3131, DIG-10, eHIPs (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2010/001714) and other Coleopteran-inhibitory proteins known to those of ordinary skill in the art.

In other embodiments, such composition/formulation can further comprise at least one additional polypeptide that exhibits insect inhibitory activity to an insect that is not inhibited by an otherwise insect inhibitory protein of the present invention to expand the spectrum of insect inhibition obtained. For example, for the control of Hemipteran pests, combinations of insect inhibitory proteins of the present invention can be used with Hemipteran-active proteins such as TIC1415 (US Patent Application Publication No. 2013/0097735), TIC807 (U.S. Pat. No. 8609936), TIC834 (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2013/0269060) and other Hemipteran-active proteins known to those of ordinary skill in the art. Additional polypeptides for the control of Coleopteran, Lepidopteran, and Hemipteran insect pests can be found on the *Bacillus thuringiensis* toxin nomenclature website maintained by Neil Crickmore (on the world wide web at bt.nomenclature.info).

The possibility for insects to develop resistance to certain insecticides has been documented in the art. One insect resistance management strategy is to employ transgenic crops that express two distinct insect inhibitory agents that operate through different modes of action.

Therefore, any insects with resistance to either one of the insect inhibitory agents can be controlled by the other insect inhibitory agent. Another insect resistance management strategy employs the use of plants that are not protected to the targeted Coleopteran or Lepidopteran pest species to

provide a refuge for such unprotected plants. One particular example is described in U.S. Pat. No. 6,551,962, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Other embodiments such as topically applied pesticidal chemistries that are designed for controlling pests that are also controlled by the proteins disclosed herein to be used with proteins in seed treatments, spray on, drip on, or wipe on formulations can be applied directly to the soil (a soil drench), applied to growing plants expressing the proteins disclosed herein, or formulated to be applied to seed containing one or more transgenes encoding one or more of the proteins disclosed. Such formulations for use in seed treatments can be applied with various stickers and tackifiers known in the art. Such formulations can contain pesticides that are synergistic in mode of action with the proteins disclosed, so that the formulation pesticides act through a different mode of action to control the same or similar pests that can be controlled by the proteins disclosed, or that such pesticides act to control pests within a broader host range or plant pest species that are not effectively controlled by the TIC3668-type protein toxin class.

The aforementioned composition/formulation can further comprise an agriculturally-acceptable carrier, such as a bait, a powder, dust, pellet, granule, spray, emulsion, a colloidal suspension, an aqueous solution, a *Bacillus* spore/crystal preparation, a seed treatment, a recombinant plant cell/plant tissue/seed/plant transformed to express one or more of the proteins, or bacterium transformed to express one or more of the proteins. Depending on the level of insect inhibitory or insecticidal inhibition inherent in the recombinant polypeptide and the level of formulation to be applied to a plant or diet assay, the composition/formulation can include various by weight amounts of the recombinant polypeptide, e.g. from 0.0001% to 0.001% to 0.01% to 1% to 99% by weight of the recombinant polypeptide.

EXAMPLES

In view of the foregoing, those of skill in the art should appreciate that changes can be made in the specific aspects which are disclosed and still obtain a like or similar result without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. Thus, specific structural and functional details disclosed herein are not to be interpreted as limiting. It should be understood that the entire disclosure of each reference cited herein is incorporated within the disclosure of this application.

Example 1

Discovery of the TIC3668-Related Protein Toxin Class

Bacterial strains exhibiting distinctive attributes, e.g., inferred toxicity, proteomic diversity, and morphological variations when compared with each other, were identified and prepared for genome sequencing using methods well known in the art. A protein TIC3668 (SEQ ID NO:2) exhibiting inhibitory activity against Coleopteran insects in *in vitro* bioassays was discovered from a *Brevibacillus laterosporus* (*B. laterosporus*) strain EG5552. Other strains were also found to contain proteins that resemble TIC3668. Polynucleotide segments encoding these proteins were cloned, and inserted into a recombinant host strain to test for expression.

Thermal amplification primers were designed to amplify a full-length copy of the gene from the total genomic DNA of different *B. laterosporus* bacterial strains, including EG5552. Separate thermal amplification products (amplicons) were generated from each strain and these were analyzed for the presence of open reading frames that could encode TIC3668-related proteins. Each amplicon was determined to have a single open reading frame, containing a translation initiation codon, followed in frame by a contiguous open reading frame, that terminated with an in-frame translation termination codon. The deduced amino acid sequences obtained from each of these additional different bacterial strains are set forth respectively in SEQ ID NO:2 (TIC3668), SEQ ID NO:4 (TIC3669), SEQ ID NO:6 (TIC3670), SEQ ID NO:8 (TIC4076), SEQ ID NO:10 (TIC4078), SEQ ID NO:14 (TIC4346), SEQ ID NO:16 (TIC4826), SEQ ID NO:18 (TIC4861), SEQ ID NO:20 (TIC4862), SEQ ID NO:22 (TIC4863). These amplicons were cloned into a recombinant *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) plasmid expression vector downstream of a sporulation specific expression promoter and transformed into an acry-stalliferous Bt host cell. The amplicons were also cloned into an *E. coli* expression system. The resulting recombinant strains were observed to express a recombinant protein.

Example 2

Coleopteran Activity of TIC3668-Related Protein Toxin Class

This Example illustrates inhibitory activity exhibited by TIC3668-like proteins against Coleoptera.

Protein preparations produced from recombinant bacteria as described in Example I, for the full-length proteins of TIC3668, TIC3669, TIC3670, TIC4260, TIC4076 and TIC2462 were submitted for insect diet-overlay bioassays against Colorado Potato Beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata*, CPB) and against at least one corn rootworm species. Known members of corn rootworm species are *Diabrotica virgifera virgifera* (Western Corn Rootworm, WCR), *Diabrotica barberi* (Northern Corn Rootworm, NCR), *Diabrotica virgifera zea* (Mexican Corn Rootworm, MCR), *Diabrotica balteata* (Brazilian Corn Rootworm (BZR), *Diabrotica undecimpunctata howardii* (Southern Corn Rootworm, SCR) and a Brazilian Corn Rootworm complex (BCR) consisting of *Diabrotica viridula* and *Diabrotica speciosa*).

As demonstrated in Table 6, the results show that TIC3668, TIC3669, TIC3670, TIC4260, and TIC4076 exhibited mortality against corn rootworm. TIC2462 (SEQ ID NO:62 encoding SEQ ID NO:63), a protein closely related to the AXMI-209 protein (compared to TIC2462, >99% identical at the amino acid level, and exhibiting only two amino acid differences), did not exhibit mortality against corn rootworm, thus distinguishing the activity of the TIC3668-like protein toxin class from proteins resembling AXMI-209. Surprisingly, mortality against Colorado Potato Beetle, a species typically tested in bioassays as an indicator of Coleopteran activity, was not observed for any of the proteins tested.

TABLE 6

Observed Mortality against Coleopteran Insect Pests of Exemplary Proteins.		
Toxin	Corn Rootworm	CPB
TIC2462	-	-
TIC3668, TIC3669, TIC3670	+	-
TIC4260, TIC4076	+	-
TIC4078	NT	-
TIC4346	+	+
TIC4826, TIC4861, TIC4862, TIC4863	NT	NT

+ = Mortality observed
 - = Mortality not observed
 NT = Not tested

Example 3

Mature form of the TIC3668 Protein Toxin

This Example illustrates the presence of a membrane transiting peptide at the amino terminus of the native proteins within the TIC3668 protein toxin class and the discovery of active mature toxin proteins of the TIC3668 protein toxin class.

Bioinformatic analysis using a SignalP program (Petersen, et. al (2011), *Nature Methods*, 8:785-786) of the amino acid sequence translation from the TIC3668 coding sequence (SEQ ID NO:1) predicted the presence of a membrane transiting segment corresponding to the N-terminal first 23 amino acids.

Experiments were designed to confirm the presence of a membrane transiting segment within each member of the TIC3668-like protein toxin class. TIC3668 was cloned into a Bt host cell behind a non-sporulation specific Bt promoter. The resultant culture supernatants were tested for insecticidal activity. Three forms of protein corresponding to TIC3668 were recovered as a mixture from the supernatant. These different fragments of less than full length TIC3668 protein were later determined by mass spectrometry and N-terminal sequence analysis to contain at their respective amino termini, either amino acid 16, 19, or 24, as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2. Only a small amount of these three truncated forms of TIC3668 were detected in the culture media. The most abundant form of the protein detected was observed to have at its amino terminus the serine at position 24, as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2. Concentrated and purified protein from the culture supernatant exhibited bioactivity against WCR when tested in artificial diet bioassay.

Different expression constructs were created for identifying the smallest peptide segment for each TIC3668-type protein exhibiting insecticidal activity. These constructs were introduced into an acrySTALLIFEROUS *B. thuringiensis* strain or an *E. coli* strain. One construct was designed for expression of the full length TIC3668 protein, as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acid 1 through 317, in an acrySTALLIFEROUS strain of Bt. Constructs were designed for expression of the full-length TIC3668 protein, and various shorter variant forms of the TIC3668 protein, in an *E. coli* expression system having a carboxy terminal HIS tag sequence (HHHHAAHHH). The constructs designed for expression in *E. coli* consisted of: (1) a construct designed to express the full length TIC3668 protein as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acid position 1 through 317; (2) a construct designed to express a TIC3668 variant protein having from amino acid 16 through 317 as set forth in SEQ

ID NO:2; (3) a construct designed to express a TIC3668 variant protein from amino acid 24 through 317 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2; (4) a construct designed to express a TIC3668 variant protein from amino acid 26 through amino acid 317 as set forth SEQ ID NO:2; (5) a construct designed to express TIC3668 variant protein from amino acid 28 through 317 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2. Additionally a TIC3668 protein with an N-terminal 10-his tag and a TVMV (tobacco vein mottling virus) protease site (MHH-HHHHHHHHGTETVRFQ) was obtained from an *E. coli* expression system to produce a TIC3668 protein with a start at residue no. 24 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

Protein was obtained from the supernatant of the Bt expression system and subjected to mass spectrometry and N-terminal sequence analysis. The Bt expression system produced the predicted TIC3668 mature toxin from acid 24-317 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2. Protein was not observed in the *E. coli* supernatants. Protein was obtained from each of the respective *E. coli* expression constructs by osmotic shock to release proteins from the periplasm. Proteins produced from the constructs that were designed to contain amino acid 16 or 24 at the amino terminus of the less than full length protein were confirmed to contain these amino acids at their respective amino terminus. Protein produced from the construct designed to express the full length TIC3668 produced the mature length protein, containing the serine at position 24 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 at the amino terminus. Proteins produced from the constructs designed to contain either amino acid 26 or amino acid 28 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 as the N-terminal amino acid each surprisingly contained only amino acid 28 as the N-terminal amino acid, suggesting that processing that maintains amino acid number 24 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 at the N-terminus may be important for toxin stability.

Protein samples obtained from these expression system analyses were submitted for testing against Western Corn Rootworm larvae in insect diet-overlay bioassays, as described in Example 2. Certain N-terminal truncations from this study were determined to exhibit decreased bioactivity. Specifically, it was observed that the insecticidal activity was significantly reduced when the amino terminal amino acid was 26 or 28, as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2. It can be extrapolated that other TIC3668 protein family members that are N-terminally truncated to be shorter than the mature protein (starting at amino acid residue no. 24 for TIC3668, TIC3669, TIC3670, TIC4076, TIC4078, TIC4260, TIC4346, TIC4826, and TIC4863; starting at amino acid 13 for TIC4861; and starting at amino acid 22 for TIC4862), are the shortest version of the tested TIC3668-type proteins to show insecticidal activity against WCR. All variants of TIC3668 of equal length or longer than the mature protein showed high activity against WCR, even at relatively low concentrations. The data also demonstrates that the *E. coli* processing of TIC3668 varies by construct design.

Example 4

Synthesis of Genes Encoding TIC3668-Type Proteins for Expression in Plants

Nucleotide sequences encoding full-length and mature versions of a TIC3668 protein, a TIC3669 protein, a TIC3670, a TIC4076, TIC4078, a TIC4260 protein, a TIC4346 protein, a TIC4826 protein, a TIC4861 protein, a TIC4862 protein, and a TIC4863 protein were designed. Nucleotide sequences encoding TIC3668, TIC3669, and TIC3670 were synthesized according to methods generally

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described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,500,365, avoiding certain inimical problem sequences such as ATTTA and A/T rich plant polyadenylation sequences while preserving the amino acid sequence of the native *B. laterosperous* protein. These nucleotide sequences are provided herein as SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:50, and SEQ ID NO:51 for the full-length sequences and SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:47, and SEQ ID NO:49 for the mature sequences.

Example 5

Expression Cassettes for Expression of
TIC3668-Type Proteins in Plants

A variety of plant expression cassettes were designed with the sequences as set forth in SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:49, SEQ ID NO:50, and SEQ ID NO:51. Such expression cassettes are useful for transient expression in plant protoplasts or transformation of plant cells. Typical expression cassettes were designed with respect to the eventual placement of the protein within the cell.

One set of expression cassettes was designed in a manner to allow the protein to be translated with the native N-terminal segment. Another set of expression cassettes was designed to allow the expression of the protein without the N-terminal segment (i.e., the mature length protein). Another set of expression cassettes was designed to have a transit peptide expressed in-frame and operably linked to the mature length toxin protein, to allow targeting to an organelle of the cell such as the chloroplast or plastid. All expression cassettes were designed to begin at the 5' end with a promoter which can be comprised of multiple contiguously linked promoter elements, enhancer elements or other expression elements known to those of ordinary skill in the art to boost the expression of the transgene. The promoter sequence was usually followed contiguously with one or more leader sequences 3' to the promoter. An intron sequence was provided 3' to the leader sequence to improve expression of the transgene. A coding sequence for the toxin or transit peptide and coding sequence for the toxin was located 3' of the promoter, leader and intron configuration. A 3'UTR sequence was provided 3' of the coding sequence to facilitate termination of transcription and provides sequences important for the polyadenylation of the resulting transcript. All of the elements described above were arranged contiguously with often additional sequence provided for the construction of the expression cassette such as restriction endonuclease sites or ligation independent cloning sites.

Example 6

Transformation Vectors Containing TIC3668-Type
Protein Expression Cassette

Agrobacterium-mediated transformation vectors were constructed to deliver DNA to the plant genome that expresses the TIC3668, mTIC3668, TIC3669, mTIC3669,

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TIC3670, and mTIC3670 proteins. Expression cassettes were cloned into suitable vectors between the *Agrobacterium* border sequences such that they would be transferred to the genome of a host plant cell by *Agrobacterium* hosts containing the construct vectors along with a selectable marker gene. More specifically, the restriction fragment containing the entire cytosolic expression cassette encoding one of the proteins referenced above was cloned into an *Agrobacterium* plant transformation vector. Similarly, the restriction fragment containing the entire plastid targeted expression cassette was cloned into an *Agrobacterium* plant transformation vector. The vectors containing the TIC3668-type protein expression cassettes (i.e., untargeted cassette or targeted cassettes) are introduced into *Agrobacterium* by electroporation or by tri-parental mating.

Expression cassettes containing artificial genes encoding TIC4076, TIC4078, TIC4260, TIC4346, TIC4826, TIC4861, TIC4862, and TIC4863, each with and without sequences encoding the N terminal 23 amino acids present in the native *B. laterosperous* open reading frame (amino acids 1-23 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2), are cloned into suitable vectors between the *Agrobacterium* border sequences so that they are transferred to the genome of a host cell and tested for expression and bioactivity of the encoded protein.

Example 7

Coleopteran Activity of TIC3668-Type Proteins in
Plants

This Example illustrates inhibitory activity exhibited by TIC3668-like proteins against Coleoptera, such as corn rootworm larvae, when expressed in plants and provided as a diet to the respective insect pest.

R0 transgenic corn plants expressing TIC3668, mTIC3668, TIC3669, mTIC3669, TIC3670, and mTIC3670 proteins were produced using vectors containing the expression cassettes described in Example 5.

F1 transgenic corn plants were grown from seed produced by pollinating ears of non-transformed wild-type commercial germplasm plants with pollen from R0 transformants. After being transferred to soil in caged pots, F1 plants were infested with neonate corn rootworm insects and grown for 13 days under controlled conditions. Root damage ratings (RDR) were determined using the Oleson, et al. rating scale of 0-3, where 0 means no injury and 3 means three or more nodes are pruned to within 1.5 inches of the stalk (J. D. Oleson, Y-L. Park, T. M. Nowatzki, J. J. Tollefson, "Node-Injury Scale to Evaluate Root Injury by Corn Rootworms", *Journal of Economic Entomology*, 98(1):1-8, 2005). Insect mortality was assessed by counting the number of third instar larvae remaining at the end of the growth period.

In a first set of experiments, plants expressing the full-length TIC3668, TIC3669, and TIC3670 proteins were tested against WCR. Some of the events showed a statistical significant reduction in node injury compared to the negative control with an average root damage rating (RDR) value between 2 and 2.5, but no commercially significant activity was observed for the full-length proteins.

In a second set of experiments, mature proteins mTIC3668 (SEQ ID NO:23), mTIC3669 (SEQ ID NO:24), and mTIC3670 (SEQ ID NO:25), with or without a chloroplast targeting peptide, were expressed in corn plants and tested against WCR. Significant WCR mortality was observed which each mature protein. Each plant expressing mTIC3668, mTIC3669, and mTIC3670, in the presence and

absence of additional targeting sequences, showed a statistical significant reduction of node injury compared to the negative control. FIG. 2 depicts the average RDR values for several events for mTIC3668 and mTIC3669 proteins and FIG. 3 depicts the average RDR value for several events for mTIC3670 when expressed in F1 corn plants regardless of whether the protein was targeted to the chloroplast. "TS" in the event name of FIGS. 2 and 3 indicates the presence of a targeting sequence. Commercially significant activity was observed for many of these events expressing mature proteins mTIC3668, mTIC3669, and mTIC3670.

Surprisingly, removal of the membrane transiting segment (amino acids 1-23 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2) from TIC3668-like proteins increased the efficacy against corn rootworm when expressed in corn plants. When expressed in plants, the mature length TIC3668-like proteins demonstrated higher levels of insecticidal activity against Coleopteran pests than the full-length proteins.

Example 8

Insecticidal Activity of TIC3668-Related Proteins, Expressed in Corn, Against Cry3Bb1 Resistant WCR

This Example illustrates insecticidal activity exhibited by TIC3668-like proteins against a strain of Western Corn Rootworm (WCR) that has developed resistance to the Bt toxin Cry3Bb 1. F1 transgenic corn plants expressing mTIC3668, mTIC3669 or mTIC3670, produced using methods as described in Example 7, were infested with 2000 WCR eggs of the Hopkinton strain per plant.

The Hopkinton strain of Western Corn Rootworm (*Diabrotica virgifera virgifera* LeConte) is a non-diapausing strain with field-evolved resistance to Cry3Bb1 expressed in corn plants. The strain originated from adult WCR samples obtained from fields that had been planted to Cry3Bb1 corn for seven consecutive years. The population was backcrossed with a non-diapausing WCR strain three times and selected for Cry3Bb 1 resistance three times (Gassmann, et al. (2011) PLoS ONE 6(7): e22629; Gassmann, et al. (2012) GM Crops Food 3(3): 235-244). The colony was obtained from the laboratory of Dr. Aaron Gassman at Iowa State University, and is maintained by the Monsanto Biotech Entomology group in Chesterfield, Mo.

Following infestation, the WCR-Hopkinton strain eggs hatched within 48 hours and the neonates began feeding on the roots. After 24 days, the roots were removed from the soil and corn root damage was evaluated as described in Example 7, using the 0-3 scale. As shown in Table 7, the plants expressing mTIC3668, mTIC3669 and mTIC3670 were highly effective at protecting corn roots from damage in the presence of Hopkinton strain WCR neonates compared to control plants, thus overcoming the WCR resistance to the Cry3Bb 1 toxin.

TABLE 7

Average RDR in Transgenic Corn Plants Infested with Cry3Bb1 Resistant WCR			
Toxin	N	Average RDR (0-3)	Standard Error
mTIC3668	18	0.06	0.004
mTIC3669	15	0.05	1.82e-10
mTIC3670	14	0.05	1.95e-10
Negative Control	6	2.14	0.24

N: number of plants evaluated

Example 9

Insecticidal Activity of TIC3668-Related Proteins, Expressed in Corn, Against Natural Infestation of WCR in Field Test Sites

This Example illustrates reduced root damage effectiveness exhibited by transgenic corn plants expressing TIC3668-like proteins against natural WCR infestations in Midwestern U.S. farm fields.

F1 transgenic corn plants expressing mTIC3668, mTIC3669 or mTIC3670, produced using methods as described in Example 7, were planted at five locations in Midwestern U.S. during late April to early May. Trials at these locations relied on existing natural infestations for corn rootworm pressure. Root digging, for damage assessment, was completed by the end of July. Rootworm damage was determined according to the node-injury scale, as described in Example 7.

Results from the root dig trials indicated that under practical conditions for farming in an open field, plants expressing mTIC3668, mTIC3669 and mTIC3670 were highly effective at protecting corn roots from damage in the presence of natural corn rootworm pressure. Table 8 shows the number of plants evaluated (N), the mean RDR and standard error for test plants when locations are combined.

TABLE 8

Mean RDR in Transgenic Corn Plants Tested in Farm Field with Natural WCR Infestation			
Toxin	N	Mean RDR (0-3)	Standard Error
mTIC3668	755	0.144	0.009
mTIC3669	1108	0.159	0.008
mTIC3670	1311	0.120	0.007
Negative Control	362	1.426	0.047

Example 10

Lepidopteran Activity of TIC3668-Related Protein Taxi

This Example illustrates inhibitory activity exhibited by TIC3668-like proteins against Lepidoptera, Protein preparations, as described in Example 1, for the full-length proteins of TIC3668, TIC3669, TIC3670, TIC4076, and TIC4078 were submitted for insect diet-overlay bioassays against Black Cutworms (BCW, *Agrotis ipsilon*), Western Bean Cutworm (WBC, *Striacosta albicosta*), Corn Earworms (CEW, *Heliothis zea*), European Corn Borers (ECB, *Ostrinia nubilalis*), Sugarcane Borer (SCB, *Diatraea saccharalis*), Southwestern Corn Borer (SWC, *Diatraea grandiosella*), cabbage looper (CLW, *Trichoplusia ni*), soybean looper (SBL, *Chrysodeixis includes*), and Fall Armyworm (FAW, *Spodoptera frugiperda*). Protocols and methods of preparing and performing inhibitory protein bioassays are known in the art.

Activity against certain Lepidopteran insect pests was observed for certain TIC3668-type proteins as demonstrated in Table 9.

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TABLE 9

Observed Stunting against Lepidopteran Insect Pests of Exemplary Proteins.						
Toxin	ECB	SWC	BCW	FAW	CEW	SBL
TIC3668	++	+	NT	-	-	-
TIC3669	+	+	NT	-	-	-
TIC3670	++	++	NT	-	-	+
TIC4076	-	+++	-	-	-	+
TIC4346	+	+	NT	+	+	+
TIC4078	NT	NT	NT	-	-	+
TIC4260, TIC4826						
TIC4861, TIC4862, TIC4863	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

+ = Stunting observed

++ = Stunting and mortality

- = Mortality not observed

NT = Not tested

Example 11

Lepidopteran Activity of TIC3668-Type Proteins in Plants

This example illustrates the inhibitory activity of the TIC3668-type proteins to ECB, SWC, BCW, FAW, CEW, SBL when expressed in plants and provided as a diet to respective insect pest.

Bioassays against Lepidopteran pests using plant leaf disks were performed similarly as described in U.S. Pat. No. 8,344,207 on TIC3668, TIC3669, and TIC3670 expressing RO corn plants. The leaf damage rating (LDR) was assigned a rating score based upon the percent of the leaf disc devoured by the insect on a scale from 0 (0% eaten) to 11 (greater than 50%) eaten. Rating score steps increase incrementally by 5%. RO plants which do not contain insecticidal proteins served as negative controls. The cytosolic expression of the full-length TIC3668-type protein reduced feeding damage against CEW, FAW and SWC relative to the untransformed control. Cytosolic expression of the TIC3670 protein reduced feeding damage against SWC relative to the untransformed control.

Example 12

Creation of the Collage Protein TIC4260

This Example teaches the creation of a novel gene sequence based on the family members of TIC3668. The

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amino acid variation from five of the native TIC3668-type proteins was combined to create a novel collage protein, TIC4260 (SEQ ID NO:12), that exhibits a different amino acid sequence diversity compared to the naturally occurring proteins. FIG. 1 depicts the alignment of five native TIC3668-type proteins with TIC4260. Positions of sequence diversity are highlighted in gray shading in this sequence alignment. An artificial polynucleotide sequence was constructed (SEQ ID NO:11) that encodes the TIC4260 protein. The mature TIC4260 protein (mTIC4260, SEQ ID NO:28) is encoded by the polynucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:43.

Similar alignments of other TIC3668-type proteins can be made in order to create novel proteins exhibiting Lepidoptera and/or Coleoptera toxic activity. These novel proteins are expressed, purified and tested against Lepidopteran and Coleopteran insects in diet bioassays. Expression cassettes for these novel proteins are created and transformed into plants to express these proteins to control Lepidopteran and Coleopteran pests of plants.

All of the compositions and methods disclosed and claimed herein can be made and executed without undue experimentation in light of the present disclosure. While the compositions and methods of this invention have been described in terms of the foregoing illustrative embodiments, it will be apparent to those of skill in the art that variations, changes, modifications, and alterations may be applied to the composition, methods, and in the steps or in the sequence of steps of the methods described herein, without departing from the true concept, spirit, and scope of the invention. More specifically, it will be apparent that certain agents that are both chemically and physiologically related may be substituted for the agents described herein while the same or similar results would be achieved. All such similar substitutes and modifications apparent to those skilled in the art are deemed to be within the spirit, scope, and concept of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

It should be apparent to those skilled in the art that these different, improved sequence variations can be combined to create variants which are also within the scope of this invention.

All publications and published patent documents cited in the specification are incorporated herein by reference to the same extent as if each individual publication or patent application was specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference.

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 <211> LENGTH: 317
 <212> TYPE: PRT
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<400> SEQUENCE: 10

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 Arg Asp Leu Ala Arg Glu Asn Glu Ala Gly Thr Leu Asn Val Ala Trp
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Gly Ser Pro Thr Glu Val Ser Gly Thr Pro Leu Tyr Ala Gly Arg Asn		
	100	105 110
Val Leu Asp Asn Ser Lys Gly Thr Ile Asp Gln Glu Met Leu Thr Pro		
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Glu Phe Asn Tyr Thr Tyr Thr Glu Gly Thr Ser Asn Thr Thr Thr His		
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Gly Leu Lys Leu Gly Val Lys Thr Thr Ala Thr Met Lys Phe Pro Ile		
	145	150 155 160
Ala Gln Gly Ser Met Glu Ala Ser Thr Glu Tyr Asn Phe Gln Asn Ser		
	165	170 175
Ser Thr Asp Thr Lys Thr Lys Gln Val Ser Tyr Lys Ser Pro Ser Gln		
	180	185 190
Lys Ile Lys Val Pro Ala Gly Lys Thr Phe Arg Val Leu Ala Tyr Leu		
	195	200 205
Asn Thr Gly Ser Ile Ser Gly Glu Ala Asn Leu Tyr Ala Asn Val Gly		
	210	215 220
Gly Val Ala Trp Gly Val Leu Pro Gly Tyr Pro Asn Gly Gly Gly Val		
	225	230 235 240
Asn Ile Gly Ala Val Leu Thr Lys Cys Gln Gln Lys Gly Trp Gly Asp		
	245	250 255
Phe Arg Asn Phe Gln Pro Ser Gly Arg Asp Val Ile Val Lys Gly Gln		
	260	265 270
Gly Thr Phe Thr Ser Asn Tyr Gly Thr Asp Phe Ile Leu Lys Ile Glu		
	275	280 285
Asp Ile Thr Asp Ser Lys Leu Arg Asn Asn Asn Gly Ser Gly Thr Val		
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<210> SEQ ID NO 11

<211> LENGTH: 954

<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence

<220> FEATURE:

<223> OTHER INFORMATION: A recombinant polynucleotide sequence encoding a collagen TIC4260 protein created by combining the natural sequence variation from six native sequences from a *Brevibacillus laterosporus* species.

<400> SEQUENCE: 11

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<210> SEQ ID NO 12

<211> LENGTH: 317

<212> TYPE: PRT

<213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence

<220> FEATURE:

<223> OTHER INFORMATION: The amino acid sequence translation of the open reading frame as set forth in SEQ ID NO:11.

<400> SEQUENCE: 12

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20           25           30

Arg Asp Leu Ala Arg Glu Asp Glu Ala Gly Thr Phe Asn Val Ala Trp
35           40           45

Asn Thr Asn Phe Lys Pro Ser Asp Glu Gln Gln Phe Ser Tyr Ser Pro
50           55           60

Thr Glu Gly Phe Ile Phe Leu Thr Pro Pro Lys Asn Val Ile Gly Glu
65           70           75           80

Arg Arg Ile Ser His Tyr Lys Val Asn Asn Ala Trp Ala Thr Leu Val
85           90           95

Gly Ser Pro Thr Glu Ala Ser Gly Thr Pro Leu Tyr Ala Gly Arg Asn
100          105          110

Val Leu Asp Asn Ser Lys Gly Thr Met Asp Gln Glu Met Leu Thr Pro
115          120          125

Glu Phe Ser Tyr Thr Tyr Thr Glu Gly Thr Ser Asn Thr Ile Thr His
130          135          140

Gly Leu Lys Val Gly Val Lys Thr Thr Ala Thr Met Lys Phe Pro Ile
145          150          155          160

Ala Gln Gly Ser Met Glu Ala Ser Thr Glu Tyr Asn Phe Gln Asn Ser
165          170          175

Ser Thr Asp Thr Lys Thr Lys Gln Val Ser Tyr Lys Ser Pro Ser Gln
180          185          190

Lys Ile Lys Val Pro Ala Gly Lys Thr Tyr Arg Val Leu Ala Tyr Leu
195          200          205

Asn Thr Gly Ser Ile Ser Gly Glu Ala Asn Leu Tyr Ala Asn Val Gly
210          215          220

Gly Val Ala Trp Arg Val Ser Pro Gly Tyr Pro Asn Gly Gly Gly Val
225          230          235          240

Asn Ile Gly Ala Val Leu Thr Lys Cys Gln Gln Lys Gly Trp Gly Asp
245          250          255

Phe Arg Asn Phe Gln Pro Ser Gly Arg Asp Val Ile Val Lys Gly Gln
260          265          270

Gly Thr Phe Thr Ser Asn Tyr Gly Thr Asp Phe Ile Leu Lys Ile Glu

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<210> SEQ ID NO 13
 <211> LENGTH: 954
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 <400> SEQUENCE: 14

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Arg Asp Leu Ala Arg Glu Asn Glu Ala Gly Thr Leu Asn Glu Ala Trp	
35 40 45	
Asn Thr Asn Phe Lys Pro Ser Asp Glu Gln Gln Phe Ser Tyr Ser Pro	
50 55 60	
Thr Glu Gly Ile Val Phe Leu Thr Pro Pro Lys Asn Val Ile Gly Glu	
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Arg Arg Ile Ser Gln Tyr Lys Val Asn Asn Ala Trp Ala Thr Leu Glu	
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 245 250 255
 Phe Arg Asn Phe Gln Pro Ser Gly Arg Asp Val Ile Val Lys Gly Gln
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 Gly Thr Phe Glu Ser Asn Tyr Gly Thr Asp Phe Ile Leu Lys Ile Glu
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<210> SEQ ID NO 15

<211> LENGTH: 954

<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: Brevibacillus laterosporus

<400> SEQUENCE: 15

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<210> SEQ ID NO 16

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<211> LENGTH: 317
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      20             25             30

Arg Asp Leu Ala Arg Glu Asn Glu Ala Gly Thr Leu Asn Glu Ala Trp
      35             40             45

Asn Thr Asn Phe Lys Pro Ser Asp Glu Gln Gln Phe Ser Tyr Ser Pro
      50             55             60

Thr Glu Gly Ile Val Phe Leu Thr Pro Pro Lys Asn Val Ile Gly Glu
      65             70             75             80

Arg Arg Ile Ser Gln Tyr Lys Val Asn Asn Ala Trp Ala Thr Leu Glu
      85             90             95

Gly Ser Pro Thr Glu Val Ser Gly Thr Pro Leu Tyr Ala Gly Lys Asn
      100            105            110

Val Leu Asp Asn Ser Lys Gly Thr Met Asp Gln Glu Leu Leu Thr Pro
      115            120            125

Glu Phe Asn Tyr Thr Tyr Thr Glu Ser Thr Ser Asn Thr Thr Thr His
      130            135            140

Gly Leu Lys Leu Gly Val Lys Thr Thr Ala Thr Met Lys Phe Pro Ile
      145            150            155            160

Ala Gln Gly Ser Met Glu Ala Ser Thr Glu Tyr Asn Phe Gln Asn Ser
      165            170            175

Ser Thr Asp Thr Lys Thr Lys Gln Val Ser Tyr Lys Ser Pro Ser Gln
      180            185            190

Lys Ile Lys Val Pro Ala Gly Lys Thr Tyr Arg Val Leu Ala Tyr Leu
      195            200            205

Asn Thr Gly Ser Ile Ser Gly Glu Ala Asn Leu Tyr Ala Asn Val Gly
      210            215            220

Gly Ile Ala Trp Gly Val Leu Pro Gly Tyr Pro Asn Gly Gly Gly Ile
      225            230            235            240

Asn Ile Gly Ala Val Leu Thr Lys Cys Gln Gln Lys Gly Trp Gly Asp
      245            250            255

Phe Arg Asn Phe Gln Pro Ser Gly Arg Asp Val Ile Val Lys Gly Gln
      260            265            270

Gly Thr Phe Lys Ser Asn Tyr Gly Thr Asp Phe Ile Leu Lys Ile Glu
      275            280            285

Asp Ile Thr Asp Ser Lys Leu Arg Asn Asn Asn Gly Ser Gly Thr Val
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Val Gln Glu Ile Lys Val Pro Leu Ile Arg Thr Glu Ile
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<210> SEQ ID NO 17
<211> LENGTH: 921
<212> TYPE: DNA
<213> ORGANISM: Brevibacillus laterosporus

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<400> SEQUENCE: 18

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20     25     30
Leu Asn Glu Ala Trp Asn Thr Asn Phe Lys Pro Ser Asp Glu Gln Gln
35     40     45
Phe Ser Tyr Ser Pro Thr Glu Gly Ile Val Phe Leu Thr Pro Pro Lys
50     55     60
Asn Val Ile Gly Glu Arg Arg Ile Ser Gln Tyr Lys Val Asn Asn Ala
65     70     75     80
Trp Ala Thr Leu Glu Gly Ser Pro Thr Glu Val Ser Gly Thr Pro Leu
85     90     95
Tyr Ala Gly Lys Asn Val Leu Asp Asn Ser Lys Gly Thr Ser Asp Gln
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Glu Leu Leu Thr Pro Glu Phe Asn Tyr Thr Tyr Thr Glu Ser Thr Ser
115    120    125
Asn Thr Thr Thr His Gly Leu Lys Leu Gly Val Lys Thr Thr Ala Thr
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Met Lys Phe Pro Ile Ala Gln Gly Ser Met Glu Ala Ser Thr Glu Tyr
145    150    155    160
Asn Phe Gln Asn Ser Ser Thr Asp Thr Lys Thr Lys Gln Val Ser Tyr
165    170    175
Lys Ser Pro Ser Gln Lys Ile Lys Val Pro Ala Gly Lys Thr Tyr Arg
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Val Leu Ala Tyr Leu Asn Thr Gly Ser Ile Ser Gly Glu Ala Asn Leu
195    200    205
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			35				40					45			
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Lys Leu Gly Val Lys Thr Thr Ala Thr Met Lys Phe Pro Ile Ala Gln
145 150 155 160

Gly Ser Met Glu Ala Ser Thr Glu Tyr Asn Phe Gln Asn Ser Ser Thr
165 170 175

Asp Thr Lys Thr Lys Gln Val Ser Tyr Lys Ser Pro Ser Gln Lys Ile
180 185 190

Lys Val Pro Ala Gly Lys Thr Tyr Arg Val Leu Ala Tyr Leu Asn Thr
195 200 205

Gly Ser Ile Ser Gly Glu Ala Asn Leu Tyr Ala Asn Ile Gly Gly Ile
210 215 220

Ala Trp Gly Gly Leu Pro Gly Tyr Pro Asn Gly Gly Gly Val Asn Ile
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Gly Ala Val Leu Thr Lys Cys Gln Gln Lys Gly Trp Gly Asp Phe Arg
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Asn Phe Gln Pro Ser Gly Arg Asp Val Ile Val Lys Gly Gln Gly Thr
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Phe Lys Ser Asn Tyr Gly Thr Asp Phe Ile Leu Lys Ile Glu Asp Ile
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<210> SEQ ID NO 22
<211> LENGTH: 317
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Arg Asp Leu Ala Arg Glu Asn Glu Ala Gly Thr Leu Asn Glu Ala Trp
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Thr Glu Gly Ile Val Phe Leu Thr Pro Pro Lys Asn Val Ile Gly Glu
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Arg Arg Ile Ser Gln Tyr Lys Val Asn Asn Ala Trp Ala Thr Leu Glu
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Gly Ser Pro Thr Glu Val Ser Gly Thr Pro Leu Tyr Ala Gly Lys Asn
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Val Leu Asp Asn Ser Lys Gly Thr Ser Asp Gln Glu Leu Leu Thr Pro
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Glu Phe Asn Tyr Thr Tyr Thr Glu Ser Thr Ser Asn Thr Thr Thr His
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Gly Leu Lys Leu Gly Val Lys Thr Thr Ala Thr Met Lys Phe Pro Ile
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Ala Gln Gly Ser Met Glu Ala Ser Thr Glu Tyr Asn Phe Gln Asn Ser
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Ser Thr Asp Thr Lys Thr Lys Gln Val Ser Tyr Lys Ser Pro Ser Gln
      180           185           190
Lys Ile Lys Val Pro Ala Gly Lys Thr Tyr Arg Val Leu Ala Tyr Leu
      195           200           205
Asn Thr Gly Ser Ile Ser Gly Glu Ala Asn Leu Tyr Ala Asn Ile Gly
      210           215           220
Gly Ile Ala Trp Gly Gly Leu Pro Gly Tyr Pro Asn Gly Gly Gly Val
      225           230           235           240
Asn Ile Gly Ala Val Leu Thr Lys Cys Gln Gln Lys Gly Trp Gly Asp
      245           250           255
Phe Arg Asn Phe Gln Pro Ser Gly Arg Asp Val Ile Val Lys Gly Gln
      260           265           270
Gly Thr Phe Lys Ser Asn Tyr Gly Thr Asp Phe Ile Leu Lys Ile Glu
      275           280           285
Asp Ile Thr Asp Ser Lys Leu Arg Asn Asn Asn Gly Ser Gly Thr Val
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Val Gln Glu Ile Lys Val Pro Leu Ile Arg Thr Glu Ile
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<210> SEQ ID NO 23
<211> LENGTH: 295
<212> TYPE: PRT
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<220> FEATURE:
 <223> OTHER INFORMATION: An amino acid sequence of a mature TIC3668 protein.

<400> SEQUENCE: 23

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Ser Asp Glu Gln Gln Phe Ser Tyr Ser Pro Thr Glu Gly Ile Val Phe
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Lys Val Asn Asn Ala Trp Ala Thr Leu Val Gly Ser Pro Thr Glu Ala
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Ser Gly Thr Pro Leu Tyr Ala Gly Lys Asn Val Leu Asp Asn Ser Lys
85          90          95
Gly Thr Met Asp Gln Glu Leu Leu Thr Pro Glu Phe Asn Tyr Thr Tyr
100         105         110
Thr Glu Ser Thr Ser Asn Thr Ile Thr His Gly Leu Lys Leu Gly Val
115         120         125
Lys Thr Thr Ala Thr Met Lys Phe Pro Ile Ala Gln Gly Ser Met Glu
130         135         140
Ala Ser Thr Glu Tyr Asn Phe Gln Asn Ser Ser Thr Asp Thr Lys Thr
145         150         155         160
Lys Gln Val Ser Tyr Lys Ser Pro Ser Gln Lys Ile Lys Val Pro Ala
165         170         175
Gly Lys Thr Tyr Arg Val Leu Ala Tyr Leu Asn Thr Gly Ser Ile Ser
180         185         190
Gly Glu Ala Asn Leu Tyr Ala Asn Val Gly Gly Ile Ala Trp Arg Val
195         200         205
Ser Pro Gly Tyr Pro Asn Gly Gly Gly Val Asn Ile Gly Ala Val Leu
210         215         220
Thr Lys Cys Gln Gln Lys Gly Trp Gly Asp Phe Arg Asn Phe Gln Pro
225         230         235         240
Ser Gly Arg Asp Val Ile Val Lys Gly Gln Gly Thr Phe Lys Ser Asn
245         250         255
Tyr Gly Thr Asp Phe Ile Leu Lys Ile Glu Asp Ile Thr Asp Ser Lys
260         265         270
Leu Arg Asn Asn Asn Gly Ser Gly Thr Val Val Gln Glu Ile Lys Val
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Pro Leu Ile Arg Thr Glu Ile
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<210> SEQ ID NO 24

<211> LENGTH: 295

<212> TYPE: PRT

<213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence

<220> FEATURE:

<223> OTHER INFORMATION: An amino acid sequence of a mature TIC3669 protein.

<400> SEQUENCE: 24

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Asp Glu Ala Gly Thr Phe Asn Glu Ala Trp Asn Thr Asn Phe Lys Pro
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Ser Asp Glu Gln Gln Phe Ser Tyr Ser Pro Thr Glu Gly Ile Val Phe
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 Lys Val Asn Asn Ala Trp Ala Thr Leu Glu Gly Ser Pro Thr Glu Val
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 Ser Gly Thr Pro Leu Tyr Ala Gly Lys Asn Val Leu Asp Asn Ser Lys
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 Gly Thr Ile Asp Gln Glu Leu Leu Thr Pro Glu Phe Ser Tyr Thr Tyr
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 Gly Glu Ala Asn Leu Tyr Ala Asn Val Gly Gly Ile Ala Trp Arg Val
 195 200 205
 Ser Pro Gly Tyr Pro Asn Gly Gly Gly Val Asn Ile Gly Ala Val Leu
 210 215 220
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 Tyr Gly Thr Asp Phe Ile Leu Lys Ile Glu Asp Ile Thr Asp Ser Lys
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<210> SEQ ID NO 25
 <211> LENGTH: 295
 <212> TYPE: PRT
 <213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence
 <220> FEATURE:
 <223> OTHER INFORMATION: An amino acid sequence of a mature TIC3670
 protein.

<400> SEQUENCE: 25

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 20 25 30
 Ser Asp Glu Gln Gln Phe Ser Tyr Ser Pro Thr Glu Gly Ile Val Phe
 35 40 45
 Leu Thr Pro Pro Lys Asn Val Ile Gly Glu Arg Arg Ile Ser Gln Tyr
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 65 70 75 80
 Ser Gly Thr Pro Leu Tyr Ala Gly Lys Asn Val Leu Asp Asn Ser Lys

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<212> TYPE: PRT																			
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<220> FEATURE:																			
<223> OTHER INFORMATION: An amino acid sequence of a mature TIC4076 protein.																			
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Ser	Asp	Glu	Gln	Gln	Phe	Ser	Tyr	Ser	Pro	Thr	Glu	Gly	Ile	Val	Phe				
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Leu	Thr	Pro	Pro	Lys	Asn	Val	Ile	Gly	Glu	Arg	Arg	Ile	Ser	Gln	Tyr				
	50				55						60								
Lys	Val	Asn	Asn	Ala	Trp	Ala	Thr	Leu	Glu	Gly	Ser	Pro	Thr	Glu	Met				
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Ser	Gly	Thr	Pro	Leu	Tyr	Ala	Gly	Lys	Asn	Val	Leu	Asp	Asn	Ser	Lys				
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Gly	Thr	Ser	Asp	Gln	Glu	Leu	Leu	Thr	Pro	Glu	Phe	Thr	Tyr	Thr	Tyr				
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Thr	Glu	Ser	Thr	Ser	Asn	Thr	Thr	Thr	His	Gly	Leu	Lys	Leu	Gly	Val				
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Lys	Thr	Thr	Ala	Thr	Met	Lys	Phe	Pro	Ile	Ala	Gln	Gly	Ser	Met	Glu				
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 Lys Gln Val Ser Tyr Lys Ser Pro Ser Gln Lys Ile Lys Val Pro Ala
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 180 185 190
 Gly Glu Ala Asn Leu Tyr Ala Asn Val Gly Gly Ile Ala Trp Gly Val
 195 200 205
 Leu Pro Gly Tyr Pro Asn Gly Gly Gly Val Asn Ile Gly Ala Val Leu
 210 215 220
 Thr Lys Cys Gln Gln Lys Gly Trp Gly Asp Phe Arg Asn Phe Gln Pro
 225 230 235 240
 Ser Gly Arg Asp Val Ile Val Lys Gly Gln Gly Thr Phe Thr Ser Asn
 245 250 255
 Tyr Gly Thr Asp Phe Ile Leu Lys Ile Glu Asp Ile Thr Asp Ser Lys
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<210> SEQ ID NO 27
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 <212> TYPE: PRT
 <213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence
 <220> FEATURE:
 <223> OTHER INFORMATION: An amino acid sequence of a mature TIC4078
 protein.

<400> SEQUENCE: 27

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 20 25 30
 Ser Asp Glu Gln Gln Phe Ser Tyr Ser Pro Thr Glu Gly Phe Ile Phe
 35 40 45
 Leu Thr Pro Pro Lys Asn Val Ile Gly Glu Arg Arg Ile Ser His Tyr
 50 55 60
 Lys Val Asn Asn Ala Trp Ala Thr Leu Glu Gly Ser Pro Thr Glu Val
 65 70 75 80
 Ser Gly Thr Pro Leu Tyr Ala Gly Arg Asn Val Leu Asp Asn Ser Lys
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 Gly Thr Ile Asp Gln Glu Met Leu Thr Pro Glu Phe Asn Tyr Thr Tyr
 100 105 110
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 115 120 125
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 Ala Ser Thr Glu Tyr Asn Phe Gln Asn Ser Ser Thr Asp Thr Lys Thr
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 Lys Gln Val Ser Tyr Lys Ser Pro Ser Gln Lys Ile Lys Val Pro Ala
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 Gly Lys Thr Phe Arg Val Leu Ala Tyr Leu Asn Thr Gly Ser Ile Ser
 180 185 190
 Gly Glu Ala Asn Leu Tyr Ala Asn Val Gly Gly Val Ala Trp Gly Val
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Leu Pro Gly Tyr Pro Asn Gly Gly Gly Val Asn Ile Gly Ala Val Leu
 210 215 220
 Thr Lys Cys Gln Gln Lys Gly Trp Gly Asp Phe Arg Asn Phe Gln Pro
 225 230 235 240
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 245 250 255
 Tyr Gly Thr Asp Phe Ile Leu Lys Ile Glu Asp Ile Thr Asp Ser Lys
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<210> SEQ ID NO 28
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 <212> TYPE: PRT
 <213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence
 <220> FEATURE:
 <223> OTHER INFORMATION: An amino acid sequence of a mature TIC4260
 protein.

<400> SEQUENCE: 28

Met Ser Ser Ile Asp Val Gln Glu Arg Leu Arg Asp Leu Ala Arg Glu
 1 5 10 15
 Asp Glu Ala Gly Thr Phe Asn Val Ala Trp Asn Thr Asn Phe Lys Pro
 20 25 30
 Ser Asp Glu Gln Gln Phe Ser Tyr Ser Pro Thr Glu Gly Phe Ile Phe
 35 40 45
 Leu Thr Pro Pro Lys Asn Val Ile Gly Glu Arg Arg Ile Ser His Tyr
 50 55 60
 Lys Val Asn Asn Ala Trp Ala Thr Leu Val Gly Ser Pro Thr Glu Ala
 65 70 75 80
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 Gly Thr Met Asp Gln Glu Met Leu Thr Pro Glu Phe Ser Tyr Thr Tyr
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 Gly Lys Thr Tyr Arg Val Leu Ala Tyr Leu Asn Thr Gly Ser Ile Ser
 180 185 190
 Gly Glu Ala Asn Leu Tyr Ala Asn Val Gly Gly Val Ala Trp Arg Val
 195 200 205
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275	280	285
Pro Leu Ile Arg Thr Glu Ile		
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<210> SEQ ID NO 29
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 <223> OTHER INFORMATION: An amino acid sequence of a mature TIC4346 protein.

<400> SEQUENCE: 29

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Ser Asp Glu Gln Gln Phe Ser Tyr Ser Pro Thr Glu Gly Ile Val Phe		
35	40	45
Leu Thr Pro Pro Lys Asn Val Ile Gly Glu Arg Arg Ile Ser Gln Tyr		
50	55	60
Lys Val Asn Asn Ala Trp Ala Thr Leu Glu Gly Ser Pro Thr Glu Val		
65	70	75
Ser Gly Thr Pro Leu Tyr Ala Gly Lys Asn Val Leu Asp Asn Ser Lys		
85	90	95
Gly Thr Met Asp Gln Glu Leu Leu Thr Pro Glu Phe Asn Tyr Thr Tyr		
100	105	110
Thr Glu Ser Thr Ser Asn Thr Ile Thr His Gly Leu Lys Leu Gly Val		
115	120	125
Lys Thr Thr Ala Thr Met Lys Phe Pro Ile Ala Gln Gly Ser Met Glu		
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Ala Ser Thr Glu Tyr Asn Phe Gln Asn Ser Ser Thr Asp Thr Lys Thr		
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165	170	175
Gly Lys Thr Phe Arg Val Leu Ala Tyr Leu Asn Thr Gly Ser Ile Ser		
180	185	190
Gly Glu Ala Asn Leu Tyr Ala Asn Val Gly Gly Ile Ala Trp Gly Val		
195	200	205
Leu Pro Gly Tyr Pro Asn Gly Gly Gly Val Asn Ile Gly Ala Val Leu		
210	215	220
Thr Lys Cys Gln Gln Lys Gly Trp Gly Asp Phe Arg Asn Phe Gln Pro		
225	230	235
Ser Gly Arg Asp Val Ile Val Lys Gly Gln Gly Thr Phe Glu Ser Asn		
245	250	255
Tyr Gly Thr Asp Phe Ile Leu Lys Ile Glu Asp Ile Thr Asp Ser Lys		
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275	280	285
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290	295	

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 <211> LENGTH: 295

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<212> TYPE: PRT
<213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence
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<223> OTHER INFORMATION: An amino acid sequence of a mature TIC4826
protein.

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<400> SEQUENCE: 30

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20     25     30
Ser Asp Glu Gln Gln Phe Ser Tyr Ser Pro Thr Glu Gly Ile Val Phe
35     40     45
Leu Thr Pro Pro Lys Asn Val Ile Gly Glu Arg Arg Ile Ser Gln Tyr
50     55     60
Lys Val Asn Asn Ala Trp Ala Thr Leu Glu Gly Ser Pro Thr Glu Val
65     70     75     80
Ser Gly Thr Pro Leu Tyr Ala Gly Lys Asn Val Leu Asp Asn Ser Lys
85     90     95
Gly Thr Met Asp Gln Glu Leu Leu Thr Pro Glu Phe Asn Tyr Thr Tyr
100    105    110
Thr Glu Ser Thr Ser Asn Thr Thr Thr His Gly Leu Lys Leu Gly Val
115    120    125
Lys Thr Thr Ala Thr Met Lys Phe Pro Ile Ala Gln Gly Ser Met Glu
130    135    140
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145    150    155    160
Lys Gln Val Ser Tyr Lys Ser Pro Ser Gln Lys Ile Lys Val Pro Ala
165    170    175
Gly Lys Thr Tyr Arg Val Leu Ala Tyr Leu Asn Thr Gly Ser Ile Ser
180    185    190
Gly Glu Ala Asn Leu Tyr Ala Asn Val Gly Gly Ile Ala Trp Gly Val
195    200    205
Leu Pro Gly Tyr Pro Asn Gly Gly Gly Ile Asn Ile Gly Ala Val Leu
210    215    220
Thr Lys Cys Gln Gln Lys Gly Trp Gly Asp Phe Arg Asn Phe Gln Pro
225    230    235    240
Ser Gly Arg Asp Val Ile Val Lys Gly Gln Gly Thr Phe Lys Ser Asn
245    250    255
Tyr Gly Thr Asp Phe Ile Leu Lys Ile Glu Asp Ile Thr Asp Ser Lys
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Leu Arg Asn Asn Asn Gly Ser Gly Thr Val Val Gln Glu Ile Lys Val
275    280    285
Pro Leu Ile Arg Thr Glu Ile
290    295

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<210> SEQ ID NO 31
<211> LENGTH: 295
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protein.

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<400> SEQUENCE: 31

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 Ser Asp Glu Gln Gln Phe Ser Tyr Ser Pro Thr Glu Gly Ile Val Phe
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 180 185 190
 Gly Glu Ala Asn Leu Tyr Ala Asn Ile Gly Gly Ile Ala Trp Gly Gly
 195 200 205
 Leu Pro Gly Tyr Pro Asn Gly Gly Gly Val Asn Ile Gly Ala Val Leu
 210 215 220
 Thr Lys Cys Gln Gln Lys Gly Trp Gly Asp Phe Arg Asn Phe Gln Pro
 225 230 235 240
 Ser Gly Arg Asp Val Ile Val Lys Gly Gln Gly Thr Phe Lys Ser Asn
 245 250 255
 Tyr Gly Thr Asp Phe Ile Leu Lys Ile Glu Asp Ile Thr Asp Ser Lys
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<210> SEQ ID NO 32
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 <223> OTHER INFORMATION: A synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a
 TIC3668 protein.

<400> SEQUENCE: 32

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gcggaacgt tcaacgaggc ttggaacacc aacttcaagc cgtcggacga gcagcaattc	180
agctactcgc cgacggaggg aattgtcttc ctcacgccgc ctaagaacgt catcggtgag	240
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<210> SEQ ID NO 33
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 <212> TYPE: DNA
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 <223> OTHER INFORMATION: A synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a TIC3669 protein.

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<400> SEQUENCE: 35

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<400> SEQUENCE: 36

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 <223> OTHER INFORMATION: A synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC3670 protein.

<400> SEQUENCE: 37

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<210> SEQ ID NO 38
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<400> SEQUENCE: 38

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<400> SEQUENCE: 39

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<220> FEATURE:

<223> OTHER INFORMATION: A synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC4078 protein.

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<210> SEQ ID NO 42

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<223> OTHER INFORMATION: A synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a
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<400> SEQUENCE: 46

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 <223> OTHER INFORMATION: A synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a
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<210> SEQ ID NO 48
<211> LENGTH: 921
<212> TYPE: DNA
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<223> OTHER INFORMATION: A synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a
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<400> SEQUENCE: 48

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<211> LENGTH: 888
<212> TYPE: DNA
<213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence
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<223> OTHER INFORMATION: A synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a
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<210> SEQ ID NO 50
<211> LENGTH: 948
<212> TYPE: DNA
<213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence
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<223> OTHER INFORMATION: A synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a
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<210> SEQ ID NO 52
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 <212> TYPE: DNA
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 <220> FEATURE:
 <223> OTHER INFORMATION: A nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (-) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 1 to 36 of SEQ ID NO:1 (TIC3668 forward primer).

<400> SEQUENCE: 52
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<210> SEQ ID NO 53
 <211> LENGTH: 34
 <212> TYPE: DNA
 <213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence
 <220> FEATURE:
 <223> OTHER INFORMATION: A nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (+) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 920 to 954 of SEQ ID NO:1 (TIC3668 reverse primer).

<400> SEQUENCE: 53
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<210> SEQ ID NO 54
 <211> LENGTH: 41
 <212> TYPE: DNA
 <213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence
 <220> FEATURE:
 <223> OTHER INFORMATION: A nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (-) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 1 to 41 of SEQ ID NO:3 (TIC3669 forward primer).

<400> SEQUENCE: 54
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<210> SEQ ID NO 55
 <211> LENGTH: 34
 <212> TYPE: DNA
 <213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence
 <220> FEATURE:
 <223> OTHER INFORMATION: A nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (+) strand of a DNA

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encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 920 to 954 of SEQ ID NO:3 (TIC3669 reverse primer).

<400> SEQUENCE: 55

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<210> SEQ ID NO 56

<211> LENGTH: 36

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<213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence

<220> FEATURE:

<223> OTHER INFORMATION: A nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (-) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 1 to 36 of SEQ ID NO:5 (TIC3670 forward primer).

<400> SEQUENCE: 56

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<223> OTHER INFORMATION: A nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (+) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 920 to 954 of SEQ ID NO:5 (TIC3670 reverse primer).

<400> SEQUENCE: 57

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<210> SEQ ID NO 58

<211> LENGTH: 41

<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence

<220> FEATURE:

<223> OTHER INFORMATION: A nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (-) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 1 to 41 of SEQ ID NO:7 (TIC4076 forward primer).

<400> SEQUENCE: 58

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<210> SEQ ID NO 59

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<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence

<220> FEATURE:

<223> OTHER INFORMATION: A nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (+) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 920 to 954 of SEQ ID NO:7 (TIC4076 reverse primer).

<400> SEQUENCE: 59

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<210> SEQ ID NO 60

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<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence

<220> FEATURE:

<223> OTHER INFORMATION: A nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic oligonucleotide for hybridizing to the (-) strand of a DNA encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds to positions 1 to 36 of SEQ ID NO:9 (TIC4078 forward primer).

<400> SEQUENCE: 60

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<210> SEQ ID NO 61
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 <213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence
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 <223> OTHER INFORMATION: A nucleotide sequence representing a synthetic
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 encoding a protein disclosed in this application and corresponds
 to positions 920 to 954 of SEQ ID NO:9 (TIC4078 reverse primer).

<400> SEQUENCE: 61

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<210> SEQ ID NO 62
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 <212> TYPE: DNA
 <213> ORGANISM: Brevibacillus laterosporus

<400> SEQUENCE: 62

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 <213> ORGANISM: Brevibacillus laterosporus

<400> SEQUENCE: 63

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<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: Artificial Sequence

<220> FEATURE:

<223> OTHER INFORMATION: A synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a mature TIC3668 protein.

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<223> OTHER INFORMATION: A synthetic nucleotide sequence encoding a
mature TIC3669 protein.

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mature TIC3670 protein.

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What is claimed is:

1. A recombinant polynucleotide molecule comprising a heterologous promoter operably linked to a polynucleotide molecule encoding an insect inhibitory polypeptide, wherein said polypeptide comprises:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:24; or
- (b) an amino acid sequence comprising at least 98% identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:24; and

wherein said recombinant polynucleotide molecule is functional for expression in a plant, a plant part, a plant tissue, a plant cell, a plant protoplast, a seed, or a bacterial cell, and wherein said polypeptide exhibits inhibitory activity against an insect species of the order Coleoptera.

2. The recombinant polynucleotide molecule of claim 1 comprising:

- (a) the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:35 or SEQ ID NO:65; or
- (b) a nucleotide sequence comprising at least 98% identity to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:65.

3. An insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide encoded by the recombinant polynucleotide molecule of claim 1.

4. The insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide of claim 3, wherein said insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide comprises:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:24; or
- (b) an amino acid sequence comprising at least 98% identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:24.

5. The recombinant polynucleotide molecule of claim 1, wherein said insect species of the order Coleoptera is Western Corn Rootworm, Southern Corn Rootworm, Northern Corn Rootworm, Mexican Corn Rootworm, Brazilian Corn Rootworm, or Brazilian Corn Rootworm complex consisting of *Diabrotica viridula* and *Diabrotica speciosa*.

6. A host cell comprising the recombinant polynucleotide molecule of claim 1, wherein said host cell is selected from the group consisting of a bacterial host cell and a plant host cell.

7. An insect inhibitory composition comprising the recombinant polynucleotide molecule of claim 1.

8. The insect inhibitory composition of claim 7, further comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding at least one other pesticidal agent that is different from said insect inhibitory polypeptide.

9. The insect inhibitory composition of claim 8, wherein said at least one other pesticidal agent is selected from the

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group consisting of an insect inhibitory protein, an insect inhibitory dsRNA molecule, and an ancillary protein.

10. The insect inhibitory composition of claim 9, wherein said at least one other pesticidal agent exhibits activity against one or more pest species of the orders Lepidoptera, Coleoptera, or Hemiptera.

11. The insect inhibitory composition of claim 10, wherein said at least one other pesticidal agent is selected from the group consisting of a Cry1A, Cry1Ab, Cry1Ac, Cry1A.105, Cry1B, Cry1C, Cry1D, Cry1E, Cry1F, Cry1G, Cry1H, Cry1I, Cry1J, Cry1K, Cry1L, Cry2A, Cry2Ab, Cry3A, Cry3B, Cry4B, Cry6, Cry7, Cry8, Cry9, Cry15, Cry34, Cry35, Cry43A, Cry43B, Cry51Aa1, ET29, ET33, ET34, ET35, ET66, ET70, TIC400, TIC407, TIC417, TIC431, TIC800, TIC807, TIC834, TIC853, TIC900, TIC901, TIC1201, TIC1415, VIP3A, and VIP3B protein.

12. An insect inhibitory composition comprising the insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide of claim 3 in an insect inhibitory effective amount.

13. A method of controlling a Coleopteran species pest, said method comprising contacting said pest with an insect inhibitory amount of the insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide of claim 3.

14. A seed comprising the recombinant polynucleotide molecule of claim 1.

15. A commodity product comprising the host cell of claim 6, said commodity product comprising a detectable

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amount of said recombinant polynucleotide or an insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide encoded by said recombinant polynucleotide.

16. A method of producing seed comprising the recombinant polynucleotide molecule of claim 1, said method comprising:

- (a) planting at least one seed comprising said recombinant polynucleotide molecule;
- (b) growing plants from said seed; and
- (c) harvesting seed from said plants, wherein said harvested seed comprises said recombinant polynucleotide molecule.

17. A recombinant vector comprising the recombinant polynucleotide molecule of claim 1.

18. The recombinant vector of claim 17, wherein said vector is selected from the group consisting of a plasmid, a bacmid, a phagemid, and a cosmid.

19. A plant resistant to insect infestation, wherein the cells of said plant comprise the recombinant polynucleotide molecule of claim 1.

20. The recombinant polynucleotide molecule of claim 1, wherein said insect inhibitory polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:24.

21. The insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide of claim 5, wherein said insect inhibitory recombinant polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:24.

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